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STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

GUIDELINES

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School manages the use of vehicles by students during School hours. The School acts with the full support of parents in managing student use of vehicles.

A student with a current and valid licence may drive a vehicle to and from School provided the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form has been received and approved. Consent is valid for 12 months from February each year.

Parents of a student driver will be advised should the School learn of any breach of the requirements.

If any of the requirements are not followed, the student will have an appropriate sanction applied which may include but is not restricted to a warning; after school detention; suspension; or withdrawal of the student's right to park at the School.

1. Any student of legal driving age who intends to drive to School must comply with the Student Driver Guidelines.
2. Student vehicles must be deemed to be roadworthy, licensed and comprehensively insured at all times. P-plates must be displayed at all times.
3. The student driver, their parent and, if relevant, the parent of any passenger, must sign the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.
4. Students' vehicles may not be used for any purpose other than to drive to and from School. Vehicles may not be used for driving to any organised activity during School hours, such as excursions or sport without written parental consent.
5. Students cannot drive their vehicle to School until the Vehicle Parking Permission Form has been lodged and processed by Senior School Reception; whereupon a Vehicle Parking Permit will be issued.
6. A Vehicle Parking Permit must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle. Students must park only in the designated parking areas and not in other areas of the School.
7. The School takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles whilst on, or in the vicinity of, the School grounds.
8. Students may not carry other students as passengers to and from School without the written consent of their parent and the passenger's parent. The School has a policy that, unless there are exceptional circumstances, no more than one passenger should travel with the driver.
9. Students are required to notify the School of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from School. Passengers must lodge a Passenger Permission Form with Senior School Reception.

10. Any unsafe driving or riding behaviour or breaches of the road rules will be reported to the Police.
11. Students must notify the School if their licence is suspended or cancelled.
12. Students' vehicles may not be used for any purpose other than to drive to and from School. Vehicles may not be used for driving to any organised activity during School hours, such as excursions or sport without written parental consent.

STUDENT DRIVER GUIDELINES

It is the policy of our School to control the use of vehicles by students during the school hours (8:00am to 4:00pm).

We believe that we act with the full support of parents in controlling the use of vehicles and accordingly we seek parent support in the following requirements:

13. Any student with a current and valid licence may drive a vehicle to and from School provided the appropriate form outlining parental consent (Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form) has been received by the Associate Principal Senior School and consent is given. The consent is valid for 12 months from February each year.
14. Students' vehicles may not be used for any purpose other than to drive to and from school. Vehicles may not be used for driving to any organised activity during school hours, such as excursions or sport. If the student must use their vehicle during school hours for a private reason, a note of parental consent on the day will be required.
15. Students are not permitted to travel as passengers in a motor vehicle unless the appropriate form outlining parental consent (Passenger Permission Form) has been received by the Principal. The consent will be valid for the period nominated, and/or only the particular driver(s) nominated.

It is our practice to advise parents should we learn of any breach of the above requirements.

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

19th December, 2018

Dear Parent,

A number of our Senior School students are already driving or intend to drive to School this year. Some of these students have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at risk of having a serious accident. The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that the School expects from student drivers.

Copies of the School's Student Driver Guidelines and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form, Student Driver Agreement Form are attached.

The Guidelines outline the School's expectations and provide information regarding the transportation of passengers. Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from School without the written permission of their parent and the passenger's parent. A Passenger Permission Form needs to be completed and lodged with Senior School Reception.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances no more than one passenger is permitted to travel with the driver. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour.

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent and, where appropriate, a parent of their passenger, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

The form must be signed and returned prior to that student driving to and from School.

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of our students and of the local community.

Yours sincerely,



Natalie Shaw
Associate Principal Senior School



STUDENT DRIVER PERMISSION AGREEMENT FORM

This form is to be completed and signed by:

- The parent of the student driver or rider; and
- The student driver or rider.

PARENT PERMISSION

I/We give permission for _____ (student name)
to drive to School. He/she will drive the following vehicle(s):

Make/Model: _____ Colour: _____ Registration: _____

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PARENT PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL WITH STUDENT PASSENGER

My son/daughter _____ (student name)
has my permission to carry the following passengers (include siblings) in the registered vehicle(s), provided these students
have written permission from their parent.

Student name: _____

*If more than one (1) passenger, details need to be listed on the reverse of this form and the express permission of the Associate
Principal is to be sought and to be given before the ferrying of passengers may commence.*

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

* *I am aware of the Student Driver Guidelines.*





STUDENT DRIVER AGREEMENT FORM

This form must be completed and signed by the student driver or rider.

I agree to adhere to the Student Driver Guidelines regarding students driving or riding to School and carrying passengers.

Vehicle details

Make/Model: _____ Colour: _____ Registration: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Approved By: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: A photocopy of the student's current driver's licence must be attached to this form.





PASSENGER PERMISSION FORM

This form must be completed by a parent of any student intending to travel to and/or from school as a passenger of a student driver of this school.

I give permission for:

Student Passenger Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Emergency Contact Details: _____

Class Teacher: _____

To travel with:

Student Driver: _____

We accept all conditions as detailed in the School's Student Driver Guidelines.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Passenger Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Approved By: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____





STUDENT DRIVER GUIDELINES

The Guidelines outline the requirements for student drivers, their parent/carers and passengers.

1. Any student of legal driving age who intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the *Student Driver Guidelines*.
2. Student vehicles must be deemed to be roadworthy, licensed and comprehensively insured at all times. P-plates must be displayed at all times.
3. Student drivers and their parents/carers are required to complete a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form and lodge this form with Administration. If the application is successful the student may commence driving their vehicle to and from School.
4. Students are to only use their vehicle for travelling to and from School. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the School grounds during the day.
5. Passengers who intend to travel with a student driver either on a regular basis or occasionally, must complete or lodge a Passenger Permission Form with Senior School Reception.
6. Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from School without a Passenger Permission Form being completed and lodged by their parent and the passenger's parent. The School has a policy that, unless there are exceptional circumstances, no more than one passenger should travel with the driver.
7. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
8. Students are to only use their vehicle for travelling to and from School. Students are not permitted to go to their vehicle during the School day.
9. The School does not have space available for student parking. Consequently no student is permitted to park their vehicle within the School grounds.
10. Under no circumstances can students, once at School, transport other students in their vehicles when travelling to and from any School program or event.
11. If any of these requirements are disregarded, the student will have an appropriate sanction applied which may include, but is not restricted to, a warning, after-school detention or suspension. The student's parents will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply.
12. If the School becomes aware that a student driver has broken road rules or driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, the Police may be notified.



SAMPLE NEWSLETTER SNIPPETS

Welfare and safety of student drivers

As is the case with many secondary schools, more and more of our senior students are driving to and from school. While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, they are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with peer passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers.

With this in mind, the school has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the welfare and safety of students. Our Student Driver Guidelines outline what we expect from student drivers at our school. A copy of the Guidelines is available at the office, on the website, and from the Senior School Coordinator.

A Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form can also be collected from the Coordinator, office or downloaded from our website. All student drivers and their parents are required to sign this form and return it to school for approval by the Principal.

Students as responsible drivers in the community

Our school takes pride in maintaining a positive image within the local community. With an increasing number of our students driving to and from school, it is important that they recognise that any careless and unsafe driving reflects poorly not just on them personally but also on the school.

Members of the school community are requested to inform the school if they are aware of any students who are driving in a reckless or dangerous manner or who are not adhering to road rules.

Any reports made will be taken seriously and investigated. If student drivers have been found to put themselves and other road users at risk, appropriate sanctions will be carried out and if necessary the police notified. Concern for our students' safety and welfare are paramount and we ask that the whole school community works together to achieve this end.

Driving to and from school sport and events

An increasing number of our students are driving to and from school and in some cases, are carrying other students as passengers.

We would like to remind students that our school does not permit students, once at school, to transport other students in their cars. This applies to school programs such as sport, activities and events.

Parking for students driving to school

The school is aware that a number of senior students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. Students and their parents need to be aware of the school's guidelines with regard to the parking of student vehicles.

It is also expected that students will drive to and from school in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to road rules. If these requirements are disregarded, parents will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply and, if necessary, the police will also be notified.

Student Driver Guidelines

As more and more students are driving to school, the school has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the safety and welfare of students. While we know that most young drivers are responsible and do make good decisions about their own safety and the safety of others, they are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for the young drivers.

Our Student Driver Guidelines outline what our school expects of students drivers and their passengers. A copy of the Guidelines can be obtained from (name of person). All student drivers and their parents must complete and sign the form and return it to school. The Principal must approve the request before a student can commence driving to school and/or transporting passengers.

Responsible drivers

If you are driving a vehicle on the road you need to be a responsible driver. There are many lives that can be affected when you sit behind the wheel of your car. Being responsible means driving with care and consideration for other road users, complying with the road rules and taking care of your vehicle.

Our school community encourages and promotes safer road user behaviour. Student drivers who behave in an illegal or irresponsible way will be in breach of our school's Guidelines for Student Drivers.

Student parking

Students who have completed a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form, and have been given approval by the Principal need to be aware of the school's guidelines with regard to parking their vehicles on school grounds.

Vehicles can only be parked in the bays or areas allocated to student drivers. Bays designated to handicapped drivers must not be used by student drivers, unless their vehicle displays an ACROD permit.

If these rules are disregarded, parents will be notified and the Principal may revoke the student driver's parking privileges.

Driving to and from school functions

A number of students are driving to and from school and in some cases are carrying other students as passengers.

We would like to remind students that once at school, they are not permitted to transport other students in their vehicle to school events or functions without permission by the school and/or their parents.

Speeding

The school speed limit is 8 km/h. Students exceeding this limit will be issued a warning for the first offence. A second offence will result in parking privileges being suspended.

Passengers

No student is to transport other students in his/her vehicle during school hours unless that student has a valid pass to leave school grounds and that student's parent has full knowledge of that fact. Students under 7 years of age, being transported by a student driver, must be seated in an approved child car restraint.

Music

When entering or leaving school grounds, music systems should not be played at a level where they can be heard in any classroom or at a level deemed inappropriate by school staff. Written warnings will be issued and may be followed by suspension of parking privileges.

Horn honking

Any driver honking his/her horn for any reason other than imminent danger will be issued a written warning followed by a possible suspension of parking privileges. In certain instances, the police may be informed.

Reckless driving

Students should drive slowly and carefully within and near the school grounds. Reckless driving is a serious offence. For any actions observed by school staff which create a danger to pedestrians or other vehicles parked or operated on school property (these may include screeching of tyres, failure to stop or give way to pedestrians, and failure to observe common sense of traffic safety), written warnings will be issued followed by possible suspension of parking privileges. In certain instances, the police may be informed. Note: Extra caution should be exercised before school and after school when there are increased numbers of student, staff and parent pedestrians.

Student drivers

Students are allowed to drive to school as matter of privilege, not of right. Students must register their vehicles by completing a registration form (available in the administration office) to be registered to park. Students must register or re-register their vehicle(s) each school year and must park in the student parking area.

Pedestrians have the right of way

While travelling through school grounds, drivers must travel at the designated speed and always give way to pedestrians.

Parking

Students who have completed the appropriate forms will be issued with a parking permit which must be clearly displayed on their vehicle at all times. Vehicles parked in the school grounds must be parked in designated parking spaces. Any student who parks in an undesignated area or a no-parking zone will be issued with a written warning followed by a possible suspension.

Drivers must respect the vehicle parking bays designated for handicapped as well as those areas reserved to allow for fire apparatus in cases of emergency.

Driving with peer passengers

Did you know that if your son/daughter drives with a car full of peer passengers, it increases their fatal crash risk by four times compared with driving alone? Discuss with your P-plate driver the importance of being a responsible driver. When your son/daughter is a passenger with a P-plate driver, he/she should avoid engaging the driver in distracting conversations or by using mobile phones. Discuss the possibility of your son/daughter not getting rides from peers especially if there are going to be other peer passengers in the car.