

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL POLICY



Any student that holds a valid Victorian drivers licence who intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the college policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

Aims

- To closely monitor the student use of motor vehicles.
- To minimise potential for risk of injury or incident related to the use of student motor vehicles
- To maximise adherence to the Victorian road rules/laws.

Implementation

Requirements for students driving cars to school at Mount Waverley Secondary College:

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
2. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted to access their car during study periods unless leaving school for the day and not returning due to having no more scheduled classes on that day.
3. Students are not permitted, under any circumstances, to drive in the school grounds during the day.
4. Student licence details, car make, and registration must be recorded with the school.
5. Students may only park in the neighbouring side streets and not on the school grounds.
6. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger(s) who may be travelling with them to and from school.
7. Students are not permitted to carry another student as a passenger to and from school without the written permission of their parent/carer and the passenger's parent/carer. The college has a rule that no more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. The GLS condition requires all P1 (Red Plates) drivers to carry no more than one peer passenger (aged 16-22 years). Peers do not include siblings. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat.
8. The Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form below must be signed by the student driver, a parent/carer, and if relevant, the parent/carer of any passenger.
9. Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include, but are not limited to, the temporary or permanent removal of driving privileges, after school detention, suspension, and parent meetings.
10. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

Policy Review And Approval

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Dear Parent/Carer

A number of our senior school students are driving to or intend to drive to school this year, and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

Your son/daughter has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school and/or will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school. Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers. The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

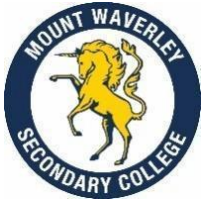
It is important that all students and their parents/carers are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that Mount Waverley Secondary College expects from student drivers. Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are attached. The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry another student as a passenger to and from school without the written permission of their parent/carer and the passenger's parent/carer. Under the Victorian Government's Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16- 22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour.

For more information, go to: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/your-ps/p1-and-p2-probationary-licence-restrictions>

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/carer and, where appropriate, a parent/carer of any passengers, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The form must be signed and returned prior to students beginning to drive to and from school. These requirements are intended to ensure the wellbeing and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Yours sincerely

Karen Wade
College Principal



Students driving cars to school:

Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

This form must be completed by any student who intends to drive to school either occasionally or regularly.

Student Name	
Car Make/Model	
Colour	Registration

Note: If the student intends to drive any car other than the one registered on this form, it must also be registered with the school.

Parent Permission

I give permission for _____ (HG _____) to drive to school and take the passenger indicated on this form. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer of Passenger

I give permission for _____ (HG _____) to be driven to and from school by _____. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

Student

I agree to adhere to Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the requirements of Mount Waverley Secondary College regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

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

School Approval

Approved by:

Signature:

Date: