

PURPOSE

This policy sets out our college's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. Our college recognises the need for the whole community to make efforts to minimise the risks associated with young drivers and to encourage responsible driving behaviours for students.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Wodonga Senior Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

POLICY

Our college recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. Wodonga Senior Secondary College expects that all student drivers will adhere to the conditions of their licence and the road rules and will drive in a safe and responsible manner.

Any student that holds a valid licence who intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. Student licence details and car make and registration must be recorded with the school.

Students are not permitted to drive themselves to and from camps, excursions or other school activities unless previously arranged and agreed in consultation with the school Principal, and only in exceptional circumstances or in circumstances where all students are required to make their own way to the event. Under no circumstances should students transport other students in private vehicles for any school organised activity or function whether held during or outside school times.

Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without the written permission of their parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian. Consistent with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions, students are permitted to drive only one peer passenger (aged 16-22), unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school.

Students are not permitted to use their car during the school day unless it is for an approved reason such as an unavoidable medical appointment. A certificate of attendance at the appointment is required.

Exception: During an approved pre-licence driver education program.

A breach of these rules will result in suspension of all students involved, passengers as well as drivers. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

Students are recommended to park in Woodland Street as other streets around the college have parking restrictions.

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COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's teaching and learning resource:

- [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	28/03/2023
Approved by	Principal
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