



# STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY

## PURPOSE

This policy sets out our school's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. Our school 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 Wheelers Hill Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

## POLICY

Our school 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. Wheelers Hill 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.

- Students are informed of College policies and procedures in Year Level Assemblies
- Students are required to inform the College upon receiving their licence. (The College also encourages parents to do so.)
- Students are required to sign a 'Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form' (attached), provide a copy of licence, vehicle and insurance details.
- These are kept on file.

If the school becomes aware that a student driver has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified.

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. 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 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. **[Note: once a student turns 18, they are legally adults and can make their own decisions so they do not require the consent of their parent/carer to attend an appointment during the school day. However, unless there are reasons why the student does not want their parent/carer to know about the appointment, you may decide to ask for consent from the parent/carer for the student to leave the school for the appointment or at least ensure that the parent/carer is aware that the student will be leaving during the school day for the appointment]**



If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply.

Parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk and Wheeler's Hill Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles.

### **Parking**

Students may NOT park in the staff car park.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Traffic Safety](#)

### **REVIEW CYCLE**

This policy was last updated on and is scheduled for review annually.



## Appendix A

### **Letter to Parents/Guardians**

Dear Parent/Guardian

The school is aware that a number of senior students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis.

Students and parents need to be aware that students cannot park in the school grounds. It is also important that students and parents are aware that under no circumstances can students, once at school, transport other students in their cars when travelling to and from any school program or function.

Other school expectations are detailed in the attached copy of the school policy on student drivers. Breaches of the school policy will lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

The school is mindful of the fact that young drivers are at greater risk than older more experienced drivers and that travelling with teenage passengers considerably increases the risks for young drivers. Consequently, we are conscious of the need to ensure a duty of care for our students.

We are also committed to ensuring that the community maintains a positive perception of the school and that irresponsible and unsafe driving by students will inevitably have a negative effect on the school's image within the community. We therefore have an expectation that students will drive to and from school in a safe and responsible manner. If the school becomes aware that students are breaking road rules, the police will be notified.



## Appendix B

### Permission Forms



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#### 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.*

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Student Name:</b> |                             |
| <b>Car Make:</b>     |                             |
| <b>Colour:</b>       | <b>Registration Number:</b> |

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



**Parent Permission**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to drive to WHSC and carry the siblings indicated on this form. I am aware of the WHSC requirements regarding students driving to WHSC.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student**

I agree to adhere to the WHSC requirements regarding students driving a car to school

Student Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

