
Policy: Student Driver Policy

School: Benalla P-12 College

Section: Student 3.12

Version: Three

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Purpose

It is our belief that in order to provide a safe school environment and maximum student welfare and safety, students must comply with the Department of Education and Training Student Driver Policy Guidelines (2016) regulations related to students driving vehicles to school. This can be found on the following website.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>

Scope

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.

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. **The school policy is that, no more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions.** The GLS condition requires all P1 drivers to carry no more than one peer passengers (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.

3. Students who wish to park their vehicles in the public parking area adjacent to Clarke Street do so at their own risk. (see map attached)
4. This area is out of bounds to students except when entering or leaving the school grounds.
5. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day.

Guidelines

1. All students intending to drive to school must complete and submit the school's **Student Driving to School AGREEMENT FORM** at the General Office.
2. Students may drive their vehicle to Benalla P-12 College once the **Student Driving to school Agreement Form** has been lodged and processed.
4. Students are not to park within the College grounds.

Specifically

- It is 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 (see below) will apply.
- The Benalla P-12 College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles.

If any of the above requirements are not followed, the student will have an appropriate sanction applied which may include but is not restricted to – a warning, suspension, a new monitored designated parking area.

6. If a student is required to transport a sibling to school, an application must be made by a parent in writing to the Principal outlining the reasons for this request.
7. This policy will be reinforced through School Newsletters and Parent Information Evenings.

Basis for discretion:

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

Reference:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>

Appendix

- (A) Student Driver letter and Agreement
- (B) Site map

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Date Implemented:	May, 2015
Reviewed and Amended Version One	December, 2017
Reviewed and Amended Version Two	December, 2019

(date to be inserted)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Student Driving to school

I am writing to the parents of all students licensed to drive a car to inform you of the Department of Education and Training (DET) “**Student Driver Policy Guidelines.**”

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>

These guidelines have been developed to provide a safe environment for our students.

Parents and students need to be aware that:

- 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. The school has a policy that, no more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. The GLS condition requires all P1 drivers to carry no more than one peer passengers (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.
- Students must not transport other students to any school function or any school program. ie. Swimming sports.
- Students who drive cars to and from school must do so safely and comply with the law.

We request that parents sign and return the attached “Student Agreement Form” and reinforce with students their need to drive safely and follow the DET guidelines.

A copy of the students drivers licence is also required.

With regard to students driving their brothers or sisters to school, parents are requested to send a letter to Ms Joanne Martin, Senior Sub School Leader, detailing the reasons for the request and to inform the school of this happening.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Clark
Executive Principal
Benalla P-12 College

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM
STUDENT DRIVING 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 Number:

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

Parent Permission:

I give permission for _____ to drive to school and when approved, to take the passenger indicated on **Passenger Permission form**. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ *Date* _____

Student:

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

Signature of Student: _____ *Date* _____

School Approval
Approved by:.....
Signature:
Date:

Note: A copy of the student licence must be attached to this agreement.

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM
STUDENT DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Passenger Permission Form

This form must be completed by a parent/guardian of any student intending to travel to school as a passenger of a student of this school who drives a car to and from school.

Parent/Guardian of the passenger:

I give approval for,

Student passengers name _____ **to travel with**

Student Driver's name: _____

We accept all conditions detailed in the school's Student Driver Policy

Parent/Guardians Name: _____

Parent/Guardians signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Passengers name: _____

Student Passengers signature: _____ Date: _____

School Approval

Approved by:.....

Signature:

Date:

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