



STUDENT DRIVER POLICY

Rationale:

- To ensure the safety of all students at Mortlake College

Aims:

- It is expected that students will drive to and from school in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to road rules.
- Under no circumstance can students transport other students in their car when travelling to and from any school program or function (e.g. Graduation Dinner or Presentation Night).
- Students can only drive other students to/from school with the written permission of both parents/guardians.
- The school takes no responsibility for damage to cars whilst on the school grounds.
- If the school becomes aware that a student driver has broken road rules or driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified.

Implementation:

Student drivers, their parents and the passengers parents are to be given a copy of the “Student Driver Policy”, the “Student Driver: Letter to Parents” and a “Student Driver / Parental Permission Form”.

The VCE Coordinator will keep a record of those who have signed and returned the form.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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STUDENT DRIVER: LETTER TO PARENTS

(Adjusted from the DET guidelines for schools)

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 drive other students to or from school functions or programs (e.g. Graduation dinner or Presentation Night) and that driving other students to and from school will only be allowed with written permission of both parents/guardians. It is also important that students do not drive or park in the school grounds and when parking near the school, Mortlake College takes no responsibility for damage to the vehicle.

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 our duty of care for students getting to and from school safely.

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.

Sincerely,

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STUDENT DRIVER / PARENT PERMISSION FORM

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Student Driver:

I agree to adhere to Mortlake College's student driver policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Car registration number: _____

Car colour, make and model: _____

Parent / Guardian of Driver:

I give permission for _____ to drive to school and the passenger indicated on this form. I am aware of Mortlake College's student driver policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian of Passenger:

I give permission for _____ to driven to school by _____

I am aware of Mortlake College's student driver policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE RETURNED TO THE VCE COORDINATOR