Student Driver Policy

Purpose:

Many students will be legally able to drive motor vehicles during their senior years of secondary schooling. Statistics show that the accident rate for young drivers is very high compared to other age groups. The safety of the student driver and their fellow students and public is our highest priority in the development of this policy. It requires the shared understanding and support from the student driver, their family and the College community for the benefit of all.

Policy:

Students are asked to park in the Pambula Sporting Complex car park to ease congestion in the immediate surrounds of the College.

On occasion there are exceptional circumstances when students can park in the area on College grounds designated for teachers, but this must be approved by a Head of House, Assistant Principal or Principal.

Every opportunity is taken to educate our students towards responsible driving. This is done formally through events such as the Rotary Driver Education day and police visits and informally in classes and Year gatherings.

Complaints about our students’ driving are made to the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care who will review each incident with the relevant Head of House / Pastoral Care Teacher and discuss with the student(s) in question, his or her parents/carers and notify the police if warranted.

The College is no way accepts or assumes responsibility for that which is the proper duty of the police (for example speeding, other dangerous driving, damage to other cars), but will work with all parties towards ensuring student safety.

Students, under no circumstances, are to drive to events falling into the category of a school excursion.

Students are not to return to their car during the course of the school day without the permission of a Head of House, Assistant Principal or Principal. The Pambula Sporting Complex car park is an Out of Bounds area at recess and lunchtime.

References:

Forms:
Application for the privilege to be a student driver (attached)
Application for the privilege to be a student passenger (attached)

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APPLICATION FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO BE A STUDENT DRIVER

This application applies to ONE vehicle only. A separate application must be submitted in respect of driving any other vehicle.

DRIVER DETAILS

Student’s Name: ____________ Year Level: ____________
Vehicle Make: ____________ Model: ____________ Colour: ____________
Registration No: ____________ Licence Number: ____________

PASSENGERS

Parents please list here all students you approve to travel with your son/daughter driving. Stipulate times and any conditions (e.g. to College; to and from TAFE; not in wet weather etc. Maximum of 4 passengers to be carried at any one time.

1) ..............................................................
2) ..............................................................
3) ..............................................................
4) ..............................................................
5) ..............................................................

(If passengers are approved by parents, their application notes must be attached to this form before traveling with this driver).

PARENT CONSENT

My son/daughter understands the regulations printed overleaf and undertakes to respect them as a condition of being granted the privilege of driving a vehicle to and from College.

Signed: Parent ______________ Date ___/___/___
Assistant Principal ______________ Date ___/___/___

STUDENT

I undertake to respect the regulations printed overleaf as a condition of being granted the privilege of driving a vehicle to and from College. I accept that not complying with the regulations will result in the privilege being withdrawn for a specified period before I can make re-application.

Signed: Parent ______________ Date ___/___/___
Assistant Principal ______________ Date ___/___/___
(after sighting licence)
APPLICATION FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO BE A STUDENT PASSENGER

This application applies to ONE DRIVER only and must be attached to the Driver’s endorsed application form. It is necessary to submit a separate application for each driver you wish to travel with.

PASSENGER DETAILS

Student’s Name: ________________  Year Level: ________________

PARENT CONSENT

I give approval for my son/daughter named above to travel as a passenger in motor vehicle __________ (registration number), driven by Student ______________________ (student name) on the following occasions.

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

In giving this approval I understand that my son/daughter will lose the privilege of being a student passenger for a specified period if s/he contributes to a breach of the regulations printed overleaf, noting particularly the need for prior approval for each driver and each car in which they travel.

Signed: Parent ________________  Date ___/___/____

Assistant Principal ________________  Date ___/___/____

STUDENT

I undertake to respect the regulations printed overleaf as a condition of being a passenger in vehicle being driven to and from College. I accept that not complying with the regulations will result in the privilege being withdrawn for a specified period before I can make re-application.

Signed: Parent ________________  Date ___/___/____

Assistant Principal ________________  Date ___/___/____