

STUDENT DRIVER POLICY

RATIONALE

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 Swan Hill 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. Swan Hill 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. 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.

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

Swan Hill College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student car park and parking is at the vehicle owner’s own risk.

Students may park on the North Park Oval adjacent to Bunnings where parking is allocated, after they have logged their car registration with Senior Sub School.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available on the school website
- Discussed in assemblies

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department’s teaching and learning resource:

- Traffic Safety

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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