

## Students Driving Cars to School Policy

Any student at Bayswater Secondary College that holds a valid Victorian licence who intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

### School Requirements

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
2. 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.
3. Student licence details and car make and registration must be recorded with the school.
4. Students may only park in the designated student parking area.
5. 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.

6. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school.
7. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.

Appropriate sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

This policy is designed to adhere to all DET and Victorian Road rules and expectations where applicable.

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Dear Parent/Guardian

A number of our senior school students are driving or intend to drive to school this year and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

\_\_\_\_\_ has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school or they will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school. Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers. The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk. It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that the school expects from student drivers.

Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are attached. The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of particular note is that student drivers 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.

Under the Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour.

For more information, go to: [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/victorias-graduatedlicensing-system](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/victorias-graduatedlicensing-system)

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian and, where appropriate, a parent/guardian of any passengers, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The form must be signed and returned prior to students using the designated parking area. These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Regards,

Warren Dawson  
College Principal



**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.

Student Name:	
Car Make/Model:	
Colour:	Registration Number:

Note: If the student intends to drive any 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 take the passenger indicated on this 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of Passenger: I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to be driven to and from school by \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note:** A signed photocopied version of the student's driver licence must be attached to this form. This can be done at the school office.



### School Car Parking Permission Form

This form must be completed and lodged at the General Office prior to a School Parking Permit being issued.

#### Student

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

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

Note: A photocopy of the student's licence must be attached to this form.

#### Parent

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

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

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

In signing this we accept all conditions outlined in the school's **Student Driver Policy**.

Description of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Car Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour of Car: \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model of Car: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### School Approval

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### Passenger Permission Form College

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.

I give approval for Student Passenger's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

to travel with:

Student Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Student Passenger Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### School Approval

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This form must be returned to the Senior Sub-School Leader. Student and Parent signatures are required before the school, based on duty of care and other legal responsibilities, will give permission for one passenger to be carried in a vehicle driven by another student. A signed copy of this permission form will be provided to both sets of parents/guardians and students.

Regards,

Warren Dawson  
College Principal

