

Student Drivers Policy



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Purpose

This policy sets out Cranbourne Secondary College's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. The college 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 Cranbourne Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

Policy

Cranbourne Secondary College 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. The 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.

Cranbourne Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student parking area and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

Parking

Students may park in the streets adjacent to the College in accordance with legal parking requirements.

Driver details

Students who have their driver's licence and elect to drive to and from school will provide details to the College in the year that they are driving to and from school. These details include:

- Students licence details
- Car make, model and registration
- Names of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school

Communication

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

- Available publicly on our college's website
- Available on Compass School Documentation
- Included in student induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff and student VCE Handbook
- Hard copy available from college administration upon request



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Further Information and Resources

- The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
 - o <u>Traffic safety</u>

Policy Review and Approval

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Approved by	Principal
Next review date	Term 4, 2028

This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Cranbourne Secondary College's yard duty and supervision arrangements.