



Students Driving to School Policy

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. This policy applies to all students at Monbulk College who have a valid driver's licence.

Any student who 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.

Aims

- To closely monitor the student use of motor vehicles.
- To minimise potential for risk of injury or incident related to the use of student motor vehicles
- To maximise adherence to the Victorian road rules/laws.

Implementation

Requirements for students driving cars to school at Monbulk College:

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 to access their car during study periods unless leaving school for the day and not returning.
3. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive in the school grounds during the day.
4. Student licence details, car make and model, and registration must be recorded with the school.
5. Students may only park in the gym parking area.
6. 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 rule that no more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with the Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. The GLS condition requires all P1 (red plates) 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.
7. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school.
8. Student drivers, a parent or guardian and the parent or guardian of any passenger, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement form.
9. Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include but are not limited to the temporary or permanent removal of driving privileges, suspension, after school detention and parent meetings.
10. Monbulk College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student car park and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.
11. Students are responsible for always having their own car insurance valid.
12. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle, unless new information or DE requirements necessitate an earlier review.

Policy review and approval

Policy last reviewed	August 2024
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal/School Council
Next scheduled review date	August 2027

Annexure A: Students Driving 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 and Model:		
Colour:	Registration:	Drivers Licence #

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 _____ (HG _____) 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: _____

Student

I agree to adhere to Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the requirements of Monbulk College regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian of Passenger

I give permission for _____ (HG _____) 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: _____

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

OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVED BY:
SIGNATURE:
DATE: