



Student Driver Policy

"Donald High School is a Child Safe School"

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AIM

- To fulfil our duty of care obligations to all students at the school
- To keep all student's safe
- To provide clear and explicit guidelines for students driving their vehicles to school
- To encourage student drivers to be responsible drivers
- To enable the school to identify and monitor students who are authorised to drive to school
- To monitor the safety of students using vehicles on the school grounds

RATIONALE

This policy outlines the expectations and procedures that students must adhere to if they wish to drive their vehicles to school. It is based on the following:

- The need to keep all students safe
- The provision of duty of care
- The need to encourage responsible driving and behaviour in senior school students
- Department of Education policy
- Adherence to Victorian road rules/laws

IMPLEMENTATION

1.Requirements for students driving cars to school at Donald High School:

Students are expected to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner, including adhering to all school signage such as speed limits on school grounds.

2.Students are NOT permitted to leave the school grounds in their vehicles during the day without parental and school permission.

3.Students MUST return a completed "Student Driver Agreement Form". Attached to this form must be a copy of the student's drivers licence.

4.Premission to drive to school will only be granted, once this completed form has been signed off by the Principal.

5.Student must only park in the east end car park nearest the oval and not in other areas of the school

6.The school takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles.

CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS

Student drivers are permitted to drive their siblings to and from school. Students are NOT permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without written permission of both the driver's parents/guardians and the permission of the passenger's parents/guardians. The school has a policy 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 P plates) drivers to carry no more than one peer passenger (age 16-22 years). Peers do not include siblings.

- Student drivers must make sure that the school is informed before they transport any passengers to and from school.
- Parents/guardians of BOTH drivers and passengers must sign a parent permission form and the Student Driver Agreement Form prior to transporting other students, otherwise the driver is in breach of this policy and sanctions may apply.

IMPORTANT

Students who fail to adhere to the school's *Student Driver Policy* and the conditions within, will be required to meet with the principal and may be banned from driving to school and from parking within the school grounds. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of the road rules will be reported to police.



Student Driver Agreement Form

Permission to drive to and from school

SECTION A: Student to complete

NAME: _____

DRIVERS LICENCE NUMBER: _____

CAR MAKE/ MODEL: _____ COLOUR: _____ REG: _____

I _____ have read, understood and agree to abide by the conditions of the Student Driver Policy.
(Student Name)

Student Driver Signature _____ Date: _____

SECTION B: Parents/Guardians to complete

I _____ give my son/daughter permission to drive to and from school.
(Parent Name)

I give permission for them to carry their siblings as passengers. Names Listed below:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION C: Transporting Others

Name of Driver : _____ Name Peer Passenger: _____

- Parent/Guardian of Driver Signature: _____ Date : _____
- Parent/Guardian of Peer Passenger Signature : _____ Date : _____

PART D: Principal

_____ has been given permission to drive to and from school.
(Student Name)

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

It is important that all students and parents/guardians are aware of our policy in relation to this matter. This policy has been developed in line with the Department of Education policy for student driving and the Graduated Licensing System (GLS) laws and regulations.

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 pressure of young passengers greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and the more passengers the greater the risk. Research shows that younger drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of the risks and the type of behaviour that Donald High School expects from their student drivers. Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the Student Driver Agreement form are attached. The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passenger's. ***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 GLS, no more than one peer aged passenger (age 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver.

To ensure that all involved are aware of the school policy and requirements in relation to students driving to school, the student drivers and their parent/guardians as well as any passengers and their parent/guardians must sign the agreement form attached for permission to drive to Donald High School to be granted. This 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.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Aikman
Principal