



## Student Drivers

Driving to school is one of the privileges that many of our Year 11 and 12 students have. With this privilege however, comes great responsibility. The following policy is to outline the circumstances under which St Columba Anglican School is prepared to allow students to take up this privilege.

### Drivers

1. Students are to drive in a responsible manner at all times, showing due courtesy to, and respect for, the safety of all other road users and especially pedestrians.
2. Students must park the designated vehicle (described below) in the side car park outside the Phillips Building or as directed by the Head of Secondary School.
3. The car must remain in the car park for the duration of the school day. No student is permitted to access a car during school hours without written permission from their parent/caregiver and verbal permission from the Head of School or his delegate on each occasion.
4. Student drivers must sign in when they arrive late and sign out if they depart before 3.20pm, at the Secondary Office.
5. Students are not to go to their cars during the day unless they have express permission from the Head of Secondary School or his delegate.
6. At the end of the day it is expected that student drivers take the most direct route home, unless directed by a parent.
7. No student is allowed to travel to or from school in a car driven by another student unless a Student Passenger Request form has been completed. These forms are available from the Secondary School Office. Siblings travelling in the vehicle must also complete a Student Passenger Request form. The School regrets that students are not permitted to drive themselves or other students to or from any school activities.
8. Students disobeying these rules may have their permission to drive to the school revoked. Minor infringements on this code may lead to students being placed on probation. In this case a second infringement would lead to their permission being revoked for a period of time.
9. This form is to be completed and returned to the Head of Secondary School before the student commences driving to and from school.

### Passengers

Mostly due to distraction and peer pressure, serious car accidents involving young drivers occur more frequently when there are passengers in the car. It is important to note that while the school will discuss aspects of safe and responsible driving with students, the school is not in the position to monitor students in cars and it is therefore imperative that parents provide clear direction to their child regarding passengers and car transport.

In permitting your son/daughter to drive to school, we ask that you discuss at length your expectations of your son/daughter in regard to passengers. We also advise parents to discuss at length their expectations of their son/daughter in accepting lifts in cars driven by friends or inexperienced drivers.

### Breach of St Columba Anglican School Student Vehicle Policy

Students disobeying these rules may have their permission to drive to the school revoked. Minor infringements on this code may lead to students being placed on probation. In this case a second infringement would lead to their permission being revoked for a period of time. Complaints about a student's driving may incur a suspension of his/her driving privileges, as well as other sanctions for breaching school rules.