



STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY

PURPOSE

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.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Mentone Girls' Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence. For the purpose of this policy, the term 'vehicle' applies to cars, motorcycles and vespers/scooters.

POLICY

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's license while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. Mentone Girls' Secondary 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.

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

Parking

Student drivers are not allowed to park cars within the school grounds. They must park their car in the streets surrounding Mentone Girls' Secondary College. They should not park directly outside the school on Charman Road and should avoid parking in Wakool Avenue as due to the narrow margins, vehicles cannot get through if there are cars on both sides of the road. Please refer to signs on updated advice. Motorcycles and vespers/scooters can be walked into the school grounds and parked at the location allocated by the Director of Senior School. Mentone Girls' Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to student vehicles and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community on the school website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's teaching and learning resource: [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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