

Alphington Grammar School Student Driving Policy

As is the case with many schools, a small number of our senior students are given permission to drive to and from school. While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate, they are one of our most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers. As a school community, we have a responsibility to ensure the welfare and safety of students. Our Student Driving Policy outlines what we expect from our student drivers.

As a school, it is important to us that we maintain the positive image we believe we have within the local community. Student drivers must recognise that any careless and unsafe driving not only endangers lives but also reflects poorly on them personally and on the School. We encourage all members of the school community to inform the school if they become aware of any students driving in a reckless or dangerous manner or who are not adhering to road rules.

Such reports will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. The police will be notified should student drivers have been found putting themselves and other road users at risk. Concern for our students' safety and welfare are paramount and we ask that the whole school community works together to achieve this end.

Policy Statement

Any student of legal driving age who wishes to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the school policy and must first complete the related Consent Form (Driver and/or Passenger) and ensure these are lodged with the Assistant Principal, Head of Secondary. Student passengers must not accept an offer of a ride to and from school unless the relevant Consent Form has been completed.

- > Student drivers are required to adhere to all road rules and to drive in a safe and responsible manner to and from school.
- > The school cannot provide space for student parking. Consequently no student is permitted to park their car within the school grounds. Students must park in the streets adjacent to the school and must comply with all signposted parking regulations. Vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.

- > Under no circumstances can students, once at school, transport other students in their car when travelling to and from any school program or function.
- > Students are not permitted to go to their car during the school day.
- > Students cannot drive other students to/from school without the written consent of the parent or guardian of both driver and passenger. Unless there are exceptional circumstances and special permission is obtained, no more than one passenger should travel with the driver. Students must lodge the relevant Consent Form with the Assistant Principal, Head of Secondary prior to any such arrangement taking effect.
- > Students must lodge their car make, model and registration details with the School.
- > Students who fail to meet the above requirements risk losing the privilege of driving to/ from school, as well as having other sanctions applied. This may include a warning, a detention or a suspension from the School.
- > Students found to be driving in an unsafe manner will be reported to the police.

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