



# EMERALD SECONDARY COLLEGE

## STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL POLICY

Any student that 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 on the school premises.
- 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 Emerald Secondary College:

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner, including adhering to all College signage such as speed limits on school grounds.
2. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day.
3. Student licence details and car make and registration must be recorded with the school.
4. Students may only park in the designated student parking area.
5. 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 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.
6. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school.
7. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.
8. Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include but are not limited to the temporary or permanent removal of driving/parking privileges, suspension, After School Detention and parent meetings.
9. 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 DEECD requirements necessitate an earlier review.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Date of Review:	November 2017
Person(s) Responsible for Completing Review:	Principal Team & Senior School Team



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Your son/daughter has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school and/or will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school. 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 presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that Emerald Secondary College expects from student drivers. Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are attached. The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. 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 Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour.

For more information, go to: [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/victorias-graduatedlicensing-system](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/victorias-graduatedlicensing-system)

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian and, where appropriate, a parent/guardian of any passengers, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The form must be signed and returned prior to students using the designated parking area. Students are also required to display the Emerald Secondary College Parking Permit when parked on the school premises. These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Yours sincerely,

Jodie Doble  
Principal



# Students driving cars 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/Model	
Colour	Registration Number

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student**

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

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **School Approval**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## ***2016 Student Parking Permit***

This parking permit must be clearly displayed on the dashboard whenever a student parks a car on the school premises. Failure to do so may mean that the privilege of parking on site is removed.

Student Name	
Car Make/Model	
Colour	Registration Number
Approved by: Signed:	Date:

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