



# 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 Beechworth Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

## POLICY

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. Beechworth 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 or Assistant 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.

Whenever a student is intending to drive themselves then a **Student Driver Agreement** must be completed and signed by their parent/carer. Where a sibling is a passenger in the vehicle, they must be named as a passenger in the agreement.

If the peer passenger is not a sibling of the driver then that passenger must complete a **Passenger Agreement** and have this signed by their parent/carer.

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 and Parental consent to leave school grounds are required. **Approved reasons DO NOT include visiting private residences, going to the shops, leaving grounds during study periods or lunch and recess breaks.**

If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply.

Beechworth 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

Students may park in the main school carpark, in rows adjacent to Balaclava Road.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Traffic Safety](#)

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in February, 2021 and is scheduled for review in February, 2022.



# STUDENT DRIVER & PARENT PERMISSION AGREEMENT

This agreement is used in conjunction with our Student Driver policy which sets out our school's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. This agreement is designed to demonstrate an agreed commitment and understanding to safe practices by both the family and the student named.

*This agreement must be completed by any student who wishes to drive to or from school using their Probationary Licence without the supervision of a licensed adult, whether regularly or occasionally.*

Student Name:	
Parent Name:	
Vehicle Make/Model:	
Colour:	
Number Plate:	

Please identify any siblings who may be transported in the same vehicle:  
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*Please note: Passengers other than siblings are not permitted to travel to or from school in this vehicle without the expressed consent provided by the Passenger Agreement form.*

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## Parent Permission:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to drive to and from Beechworth Secondary College.

I confirm that the student named has a current and valid Probationary Driver's Licence.

I understand that the student named is expected to leave with sufficient time to arrive safely prior to the commencement of the school day, and can only depart after the school day has concluded. The student named can only carry siblings as named above, or passengers who have completed the Passenger Agreement Form. I understand that any inappropriate conduct from the driver will be reported directly to Police.

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

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## Student Agreement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand the privilege and responsibility which comes with driving a vehicle to school.

1. I agree to operate the vehicle within the requirements of my Licence and the Victorian Traffic laws.
2. I understand that the vehicle I drive must be maintained in a roadworthy condition.
3. I understand that if points 1 and 2 are not met or if I am unsafe then information will be passed to the Police.
4. I agree to ensure safe arrival prior to the commencement of the school day and understand that I cannot leave the school grounds until school concludes at 3:30pm (unless for a pre-arranged medical appointment if over 18yo).
5. I agree to park in the school carpark against Balaclava road.
6. I understand that I can only transport siblings as named above, or passengers who have completed the Passenger Agreement.
7. I understand that this agreement does not permit me to drive to sports events, excursions, or other school events.

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



# PASSENGER PERMISSION FOR STUDENT DRIVER AGREEMENT

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While Beechworth Secondary College supports young people to undertake safe and legal activities in line with Victorian and Australian law, we hold no responsibility for the actions of students who drive to or from our school.

Permission to travel with a student driver is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and is required if you wish for your child to travel with a student driver.

Student Name:

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Parent Name:

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Student Driver Name:

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## Parent Permission:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to be driven to and from Beechworth Secondary College by \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that students are not permitted to leave school grounds at any time during the school day.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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