

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT PERMISSION TO DRIVE A VEHICLE IN THE SCHOOL

STUDENT CARS AND PASSENGERS

The matter of student drivers is very important for staff and parents, especially following the volume of current research which shows the substantial risk of death and injury to young drivers and their passengers. As a duty of care for all students the following policy determinations apply at Carinya regarding student drivers and their passengers. While they are not foolproof they appear to be realistic and reasonable guidelines.

Policy

1. All student drivers must apply to the school for permission to drive a vehicle in the school grounds. That permission may be revoked at the discretion of the school.
2. Students must observe all road rules inside the school property, including observing all posted signage regarding speed limits (10 km/h in top carpark), direction of travel and pedestrian crossings and parking areas. Students must also “drive to the conditions” in the carpark, remembering it is a shared zone for pedestrians and vehicles.
3. Student drivers in Year 11 may transport siblings only. This includes Term 4 (the first term of Year 12). This restriction applies to other school activities. Eg. After school sport when students are in school uniform and have not yet returned to their home.
4. Student drivers in Year 12 (from Term 1 of their final year) may transport other Year 12 students only (as well as siblings) at the discretion of the parents of both driver and passenger. Parents are not required to notify the school of any decision in this regard and staff will not monitor Year 12 drivers with Year 12 passengers.
5. Student drivers may not access their cars during the school day without the specific permission of a member of the teaching staff.
6. Students may not access the cars of other students, even with the other student’s permission.

Consequences

Student drivers who breach any of the driver/passenger policy requirements will have their right to drive in the school grounds withdrawn immediately.

NB: The research evidence is overwhelming that young people are at significantly increased risk when they are together in cars. As a community we must do all that we can to provide guidelines which reduce that risk to our children.

I would like to apply for permission to drive my car to school. I have read the Carinya Policy on “Student Cars and Passengers” above and agree to support the policy in full.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Please sign, scan and submit the form via the Year 11 or 12 Google Classroom)