



STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the main office 5176 2240.

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 Traralgon College who have a valid driver's licence and intend to drive to and from the campus.

POLICY

Traralgon College 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. Traralgon 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.

Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.

Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted to access their car during study periods unless leaving school for the day and not returning.

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 Campus 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.

If the school becomes aware that a student driver has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified.

Parking

Students may park in the streets in front the campus on the service road.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our campus website
- Part of the transition procedures each year to notify students

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's teaching and learning resource:

- [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	March 2024
Next scheduled review date	March 2028
Approved by	Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

_____ 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/carer are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that Traralgon College expects from student drivers. Copies of the campus Student Drivers policy 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 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/carer and the passenger's parent/carer. 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: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/your-ps/p1-and-p2-probationary-licence-restrictions>

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/carer and, where appropriate, a parent/carer of any passengers, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The form must be signed and returned prior to students beginning to drive to and from school. These requirements are intended to ensure the wellbeing and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fiona Milkins", with a small mark to the right.

Fiona Milkins
College 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	

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 _____ 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 (only if applicable)

I give permission for _____ 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 Traralgon 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.**