**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 Manangatang P-12 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. Manangatang P-12 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, and only in exceptional circumstances or in circumstances where all students are required to make their own way to the event. While Victoria’s Graduated Licensing System conditions states, students are permitted to drive only one peer passenger (aged 16-22), unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. We however ask that students do not drive other students to or from school due to significant distances and to minimise risk.

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.

Manangatang P-12 College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the car park and parking is at the vehicle owner’s own risk.

**Parking**

Students may park in the carpark on the West side of the school at their own risk.

**Further information and resources**

The Department’s teaching and learning resource:

* [Traffic Safety](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/physed/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx)

**POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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