

Student Drivers and Vehicles Policy

Purpose

The Student Drivers and Vehicles Policy provides direction es for students in the Senior School, staff and families about the conditions and expectations of students driving to and from school.

At Blackwood High School, we encourage all Senior School students and families to read and understand the Student Drivers and Vehicles Policy. We endorse this policy to ensure student safety in driving to and from school each day. We require all students intending to drive to and from school to complete the Consent to Drive a Motor Vehicle Form and the Student Passenger Consent Form. These forms are stored on site and are used to monitor student use of cars and motorbikes by students during school hours (8:30am until 4:00pm).

Conditions for Student Drivers

This policy considers the safety of all student drivers and passengers. Accordingly, we seek parent/caregiver support with the following expectations:

1. Students must return the completed Consent to Drive a Motor Vehicle Form and the Student Passenger Consent Form to the Student Wellbeing Centre. This consent is valid for the current school year that it is issued.
2. Students holding a P1 licence must only have one passenger aged 16 – 20 in their car, excluding immediate family members. This is in accordance with the current P Plate driving laws as outlined at www.mylicence.sa.gov.au.
3. With the introduction of Year 7 students to High School, we have seen a significant increase in staff members. All car parks at the school, including the car park on Beaconsfield Road are now strictly for staff only. Under no circumstances are students to park in any of the staff car parks off Seymour Street or Beaconsfield Road, Blackwood Recreation Centre Car Park or the Blackwood Primary School Car Park. These areas are reserved for staff and visitors to the respective schools.

Students will need to find parks close to the school that are within the Mitcham Hills Council and the State Government permitted time zones. Blackwood High School does not have any liability in providing parking for students, nor ensuring the safety of vehicles. Vehicles driven to and from school are parked at the owner's risk. As with any other public space, it is the owner's responsibility to have insurance to cover damage and/or theft.

4. Student vehicles should not be used for any purpose other than to drive to and from school for scheduled lessons or sporting events. The school does not sanction the use of a motor vehicle in any other way during the school day.
5. Students using a vehicle inappropriately on public roads will receive a school consequence as well as being reported to SAPOL.
6. The school will advise parents/caregivers following any breach of the expectations and will work with families to ensure all students are meeting the expectations.
7. Students who travel as a passenger in another student's vehicle to and from school must complete a Student Passenger Consent Form for all vehicles they may be a passenger in.

If the student does not comply

Parents/Caregivers will be contacted if there is an incident that has occurred on the school site involving their child and their motor vehicle during the school hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm.

If a student is found to be driving dangerously or inappropriately on public roads surrounding the school site, they will receive a school consequence as well as being reported to SAPOL.

Roles and Responsibilities

School staff

To ensure all student drivers' information is returned and collated on the school site and is accessible to the School Executive Team in the event of an incident or non-compliance.

Students

To ensure they:

- complete and return the relevant information for their driving situation.
- comply with the conditions for student drivers as listed on the first page of the policy.

Parents/Caregivers

To ensure:

- their child is complying with the conditions for students drivers as listed on the first page of the policy.
- they update their child's vehicle details or passenger details as soon as possible when a change has occurred. This is to ensure that our school system has the correct details in case of an emergency or incident.

Supporting Documentation

- Consent to Drive a Motor Vehicle
- Student Passenger Consent Form

Consent to drive a motor vehicle

Student Name: _____ Care Group: _____

Vehicle Registration No.: _____ Vehicle Colour: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Students driving a motor vehicle to school are expected to meet the following requirements:

1. Students holding a P1 licence must have no more than one passenger aged 16-20 who hold a valid Passenger Pass in the car, excluding immediate family members.
2. Park only outside of the school grounds.
3. Students' vehicles are not to be used for any purpose other than to drive to and from school for scheduled lessons. The school does not sanction the use of a motor vehicle in any other way during the school day.
4. Lock car on arrival at school and leave it locked during school hours. Students are to ensure they have all items required for the school day because they are not permitted to sit in or access their car, or to leave the school grounds during the school day.
Permission from the Principal or Executive Team Member is necessary if the car is required during school hours.
5. Observe a strict SPEED LIMIT of less than 10kph on the school grounds.
6. Drive and park safely and responsibly at all times. Any unsafe use of a motor vehicle by a Blackwood High School student is both a school and potentially a SAPOL matter. Students using a vehicle inappropriately on public roads will receive a school consequence as well as possibly being reported to authorities.

I undertake to meet the above requirements.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am aware of the school's Student Drivers and Vehicles Policy and expectations to be met by my child and accept responsibility for all their actions whilst driving to and from school, or on school grounds.

I also accept responsibility for seeing that appropriate and adequate insurance cover is provided in respect to student and passengers.

By signing this form, I agree to the above, and give permission for my child to drive to and from Blackwood High School.

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Permission to Carry Passengers

Yes	Specific Passenger Names
Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____	
No Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____	

*Form to be submitted through the Student Wellbeing Centre

Student Passenger Consent Form

This form is to provide consent for a student to travel as a passenger in a motor vehicle with another student to and from Blackwood High School. Students must be aware of and comply with legislation that states only one passenger aged 16-20 is allowed to be in the car with a student on their P1 licence.

Students are discouraged from relying on other students for transport when they have classes or for using their vehicle as storage for their property. It is the responsibility of the student to make appropriate decisions regarding their use of time for learning/study and for their own safety.

As a passenger, students are still required to meet the relevant requirements of motor vehicle use as stated in the 'Student Drivers and Vehicles Policy'.

By signing this form, I agree to meet the above requirements.

Student Name: _____ **Care Group:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I am aware of the school's policy and expectations to be met by my child as a passenger in a motor vehicle driven by another student. I give permission and accept responsibility whilst they are travelling to and from school as a passenger in a car driven by:

Student Driver Name: _____ **Care Group:** _____

Vehicle Registration Number: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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