



ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN

Welfare and Safety of Student Drivers

Student Driving Policy

While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, they are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers.

With this in mind, the College has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the welfare and safety of students. Our **"Student Driving Policy"** outlines the circumstances where students are given permission to drive to school and the circumstances under which this permission is withdrawn.

Policy

Any student of legal driving age, who intends to drive to school, must comply with the school policy and both Parents and Students must sign the Permission Form.

Rationale

Being young men, our young drivers are the most vulnerable road users in Australia. NSW crash statistics indicates the following:

- A 17-year-old driver is about four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a driver aged 26 or older.
- Males make up 79% of the drivers under 26 involved in fatal crashes
- Young drivers have a greater risk of involvement in a fatal crash if they have two or more passengers. (*NSW Roads and Traffic Authority*).

Passengers

St Gregory's College does not permit passengers other than siblings in the vehicle for the following reasons. Having passengers can:

- Distract young drivers when they have not fully mastered or automated their driving skills.
- Encourage riskier driving behaviours – such as speeding, swerving and following too close.
- Tempt young drivers to show off their driving skills.

Safety First – College Conditions

The following conditions are designed to keep our young drivers as safe as possible as they drive to and from school.

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.

2. The student must drive directly to and from school prior to driving to any other venue.
3. Students driving to and from school are subject to the same travel rules as any other travel to and from school. For example students must wear their uniform in the appropriate manner, no smoking and sensible conduct.
4. NO PASSENGERS other than siblings may be carried in the vehicle.
5. The student is only to drive the vehicle indicated below.
6. The student is to show due care for the pedestrians on the property while in control of the vehicle.
7. At no time is the student to travel on the back road of the College leading out to Camden Valley Way.
8. Only Year 12 students may apply to drive to and from school.
 - **The College takes no responsibility for damage to cars whilst on the school grounds.**
 - **Students who fail to meet these obligations will be required to hand their car keys to the Director of Students and driving privileges will be revoked until the end of Term 3 of Year 12.**
 - **Students who continue to drive to school after their driving privileges have been revoked will be considered to be dishonouring the College rules and will be asked to show cause as to why their enrolment at the College should not be withdrawn.**
 - **Unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.**

This document may be viewed on the College Website.

St Gregory's College Student Driving Permission Form

This form must be completed and lodged prior to approval, by the Year Coordinator, being issued.

STUDENT:

Student Name: _____ Licence No: _____

Homeroom: _____ Vehicle Make: _____

Colour: _____ Rego No: _____

Name(s) of Siblings: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

***In signing this I accept all conditions outlined in the College's
Student Driver Policy***

PARENTAL PERMISSION:

I give permission for my son to drive the above mentioned vehicle to and from school subject to the conditions in the College's Student Driver Policy.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

***In signing this I accept all conditions outlined in the College's Student Driver Policy.
I support the College's Driving Policy and am aware that permission to drive to the
College will be withdrawn if any of the conditions above are breached.***

SCHOOL APPROVAL:

Approved by: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____