STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Point Cook Senior Secondary College on 93959271.

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 Point Cook Senior Secondary 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. Point Cook Senior Secondary 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.

Student drivers must not transport other students in a private vehicle for any school-organised activity or function. For travel to and from school, Point Cook Senior Secondary College permits student drivers to carry no more than one peer passenger aged 16 to under 22 years; siblings of the driver are not counted as peer passengers. This is a College safety requirement. P1 drivers are also subject to the statutory peer-passenger restriction under Victorian road law.

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.

Point Cook Senior Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in or around the school and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Relevant Department and Victorian road-safety requirements and guidance:

- Student Driver Policy Guidelines (Department of Education)
- Policy and Advisory Library: Excursions - Transport
- Policy and Advisory Library: Private Vehicle Use
- VicRoads Graduated Licensing System and Road Safety (Drivers) Regulations 2019 (Vic)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2026
Consultation	Ongoing through website 2026 review: School Council and school community consultation recommended under the Department template.
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	October 2030, or earlier if Department requirements change (recommended 3 to 4 year review cycle).