



**MOUNT ERIN BOARDING HOUSE**

# STUDENT DRIVING



**Kildare Catholic Boarding and Day College**

**Mater Dei Catholic Boarding and Day College**



**Policy / Application Document**  
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# 1 Student Driving Policy, Procedure and Application

Driving a car is an inherently dangerous activity. The research and statistics indicate that young people are very much overrepresented in serious motor vehicle accidents and fatalities. The risks of driving and traveling in a vehicle are often underrated. Tragically, each year, some schools have students involved in very serious accidents involving student drivers. Inexperience and youthful exuberance combined with passengers in vehicles driven by only recently licensed drivers have and can result in serious misjudgment.

Senior Boarding students (Year 11 and 12) have the privilege of requesting the use of a car for the purpose of driving to Mount Erin Boarding, from their registered home address to Mount Erin and driving from Mount Erin to their registered home address.

## **Policy: Motor Vehicle Use in Boarding**

### **Purpose**

The intention of this motor vehicle use policy is to provide a privilege for Senior students to enable flexibility, time efficiency, and safety in their transport whilst in their final two years of schooling. It is not the intent of this policy to facilitate an increase in activity that is incidental and distracting to students but rather to enable purposeful and productive activity.

### **Requirements**

Senior students wishing to be permitted to drive a motor vehicle and/or have a vehicle accessible to them whilst in Boarding, must submit a signed Application which includes Parent/Carer/Guardian permission to the Head of Boarding on the Application Form attached. **A car must not be brought onto the property without approval being granted in the first place.**

The Senior student applicant must hold a current, appropriate Driver's Licence to apply for permission. A photocopy is required for the Boarding records.

Any vehicle used by a Senior Boarding student must be roadworthy, registered and insured.

**Motorcycles are not permitted to be ridden by Boarding students whilst in Boarding.**

## 2 Ownership / Retention and Parking of Vehicles

Boarding students cannot have a vehicle parked elsewhere/off campus. Vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area on campus for Boarding students cars. A numbered parking spot is allocated to each driver.

Parents and students must be aware that they retain sole responsibility for motor vehicles parked in this area. They are not the responsibility of Mount Erin Boarding or the Colleges. Student cars cannot be left on campus over weekends.

Keys for vehicles must be handed to the Head of Boarding or designated boarding staff members on arrival and are to be locked away in the Boarding Office for issues as required. Students must not retain a second set of keys, and if found to be in breach of this requirement, will lose the privilege of driving. Vehicles may never be used to store substances/materials/ objects that are prohibited at Mount Erin, including alcohol, drugs, and firearms.

### Driving Vehicles

Students may be permitted to drive vehicles on Approved Leave and only when the Leave is approved on REACH specifies that they will be driving their own vehicle. This leave must be approved by a parent/carer/guardian.

Driving a vehicle is not a College activity. Parents are asked to ensure that the Boarding Office is notified of a change of vehicle.

Students driving are **not permitted to carry passengers/ other students**.

The following exception is made.

- Transporting siblings to school/ boarding (Request must be made in writing to the Head of Boarding. Approval is made as a variation to the Drivers Agreement).
- Safety Considerations - long distance/ winter/ darkness - permission to travel with another student may be considered for Terms 2 and 3.

Students should not expect to use motor vehicles for incidental journeys that can be readily made by walking or by making use of the Boarding Transportation. Any requests for variations to the use of the car need to be made in writing by Parents/ Guardians to the Head of Boarding for consideration/ approval.

MEBS transport is available via REACH for medical/ dental appointments between 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm Monday to Thursday, as well as school events. If appointments occur during school time, a taxi can be booked and charged to accounts. MEBS transport can be requested if available for privately arranged after-school activities, including gym, sports training, and private tutoring. There is a charge for that use (see the fees schedule).

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## Withdrawal of Driving Privileges

The privilege of the use of a car by Senior Boarding students can be withdrawn at any time if a student:

- It is deemed not to be honouring the expectations of this policy.
- Is observed to be driving dangerously or without due care at any time.

### General Principles for All Boarders

#### Permission

Mount Erin Boarding requires that parents request in writing to the Head of Boarding permission for their child to drive to and from Boarding.

Permission to drive to and from Boarding carries a particular responsibility for Boarding staff - this differs from permission to drive to school for Day students

Mount Erin reviews each request on merits and does not automatically accept requests/ submitted permission forms.

#### Variations to the Drivers Agreement

Permission for any variation to the Driver's Agreement must be requested in writing to the Head of Boarding.

**Senior (Year 11/ 12) Mount Erin Boarding Student to Drive a Motor Vehicle****Application from Parent/ Carer**

I am/We are requesting approval from the Head of Boarding for my/our Son/ Daughter to drive the Motor Vehicle nominated below whilst in the care of Mount Erin Boarding.

Student's Name: Mia Hines

Driver Licence Number: 25502236

Motor Vehicle Make/Model: Mazda CX5

Registration: CE18MX

Insurance Provider and Policy Number: NRMA MOTN0002871263

I/We give permission for my/our Son/ Daughter to drive the Motor Vehicle nominated above whilst in the care of Mount Erin Boarding.

***I/We confirm that I/We have read and understood the Terms and Conditions*** related to Motor Vehicle Use for Senior (Year 11/12) Boarding Students, detailed above.

Parent / Carer signature: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Student Agreement**

***I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions*** of the policy and expectations related to Motor Vehicle Use for Senior Boarding Students (Year 11 and 12) detailed above. I agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions set out above and understand that failure to do so will result in the privilege of driving being revoked.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Only:**

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Pending ☐ Revoked

**Comments:**

**Head of Boarding Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_