



St Mary's College Student Use of Cars Policy and Driver's Contract

St Mary's College is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS).

Policy Statement

The privilege of driving a motor vehicle is subject to extensive preparation and rigorous examination. It is expected that St Mary's College students who have been licensed to drive will do so responsibly and with care. The aim of this policy is to ensure that lives and property are protected, while allowing students the use of cars to facilitate travel to and from the College when necessary.

Policy Guidelines

All student drivers must register with the College.

- It is expected that all St Mary's College students who have gained a driver's licence are committed to safe, responsible and legal driving at all times.
- Parent/Guardian **written permission** is required for travel by the licensed student driver to and from the College and is mandatory. Please complete the permission slip on the next page and return it to the VCE Coordinator prior to the first day of driving to and from the College.
- The driver may travel to and from the College **only**. Use of and access to the vehicle is **not** permitted **during school hours**.
- Students may not use their own vehicle to attend College excursions or College events such as Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. On these days, students will use the transport provided by the College, leaving their cars parked at school.
- Student passengers may only be transported to and from the College with the **prior written permission of the passenger's parent/guardian AND the driver's parent/guardian**. As per the Vic Roads guidelines, a red P Plater (P1), under the age of 21, is not permitted to transport more than one peer passenger aged between 16 and less than 22 at any given time. A peer passenger does not include the driver's spouse, domestic partner, sibling or step – sibling. (see permission slip to add family member details).
- Due to limited spaces, parking is only permitted in specific areas on and around the College grounds. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that the vehicle is parked legally and securely. The College is not responsible for the safe keeping of student vehicles on school grounds.
- When parking outside the College grounds, students are asked not to park in the area surrounding the main entry and exit points of the College.
- Students must adhere to the College guidelines and Victorian legislation regarding safe driving practices.
- It is mandatory that the St Mary's College Student Driver's Contract is completed prior to any student beginning to drive to and from the College. *Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include but are not limited to the temporary or permanent removal of driving privileges, suspension, after school detention and parent meetings.*

Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

The contents of this policy can be changed at the College Executive's discretion at any time without notification.

Please read, sign and return the following permission slip and return to your House Leader or the VCE Coordinator prior to the first day of driving to and from school.

Student Name: _____

HMG: _____

Car registration: _____

Make/Model of Car: _____

Will you be transporting siblings to and from school? Yes / No

If yes, please list their name and year level

We have read the St Mary's College Student Use of Cars Policy above. We agree to co-operate with regards to this matter, in order to ensure that safety factors remain paramount.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____