



STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Trafalgar High School on (03) 5633 1733

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 Trafalgar High School who have a valid driver's licence.

POLICY

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's license while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. Trafalgar High School 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.

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. **[Note: once a student turns 18, they are legally adults and can make their own decisions, so they do not require the consent of their parent/carer to attend an appointment during the school day. However, unless there are reasons why the student does not want their parent/carer to know about the appointment, you may decide to ask for consent from the parent/carer for the student to leave the school for the appointment or at least ensure that the parent/carer is aware that the student will be leaving during the school day for the appointment]**

Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without the written permission of their parent/guardian and the passengers' parent/guardian. The school has a policy that, no more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. The GLS condition requires all P1 drivers to carry no more than one peer passengers (aged 16-22 years). Peers do not include siblings.

Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, to parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the *Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form*. Student License details, car make, model and



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registration are also required to be stated on this form. Any passenger that may be travelling with the driver to and from school must also be noted on the agreement form. This is inclusive of siblings.

If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply.

Parking for students driving to school

Students who wish to drive to and from the school are required to park in the designated student parking area. This area is located out the front of the school, on the southern side of the road in the angle parking bays. Students are not permitted to park in either of the staff/visitor car parks on both the Eastern and Western sides of the school. Students who park in these areas will be asked to move their car to the correct parking bays.

Trafalgar High School takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles driven to school and parked in the car park on School Road and parking is at the vehicle owner’s own risk.

COMMUNICATION

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


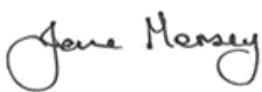
- Available publicly on our school’s website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Included in senior student handbook.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department’s teaching and learning resource:

- [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	08/03/2022
Approved by	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Signed: School Council President Tanya Megaw </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Signed: Principal Jane Mersey </div> </div>
Next scheduled review date	4 Years – 08/03/2026