

Student Driving Policy

Rationale

*A number of Beaumaris SC students will attain the legal driving age and obtain their driving licence whilst enrolled at the College. **The College expectation is that students do not drive to school.** Beaumaris SC will continue to promote active transport whereby students are either walking or riding to school. The College accepts that there may be circumstances where it is more practical for a student to drive to school.*

It is expected that any student driving a car should adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner. Beyond legal requirements, any Beaumaris SC student of legal driving age who intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the Student Driving Policy. Every such student is also required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form before driving a vehicle to or from school.

The policy applies to any road registered vehicle including cars, motorcycles, vespas and scooters.

Implementation

1. Before driving a vehicle to or from Beaumaris SC, each student must submit the required Permission Forms to the school, including all details regarding the car they are driving. Beaumaris SC will record all details in a Student Driving Register;
2. The student must only drive the vehicle for which details they have registered with the school to and from Beaumaris SC;
3. Students are not permitted to drive from the school during the school day, unless they are returning home as verified by a parent on Compass;
4. Students are not permitted to park in staff carparks or anywhere on Beaumaris SC grounds;
5. Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without the written permission of their own parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian. A maximum of one passenger is to travel with the driver as per Victorian license requirements. Exemption may be sought in special circumstances for family members from the Principal.
6. Students are required to notify the school (via the passenger permission form) of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school;
7. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign both the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Forms;
8. Students who fail to meet these obligations, or who act irresponsibly in relation to driving their car, will have their permission to drive to and from school revoked for a set period of time, or permanently, in consultation with the parents of the student;

9. Beaumaris SC reserves the right to report any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules to the police.

Guidelines for Students Driving to and from Beaumaris SC

To protect the safety and welfare of all students:

- Students are required to adhere to road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner;
- Students are not permitted to drive other students to and from school without the written permission of the parent/guardian of those students via their completion of the Passenger Permission Form;
- Students must not accept an offer of a ride to or from school from another student unless the permission form has been completed.

If students are driving to and from school, they:

- Must complete the Student Driver Permission Form;
- Are not permitted in staff car parks or anywhere on school grounds;
- Are not permitted to drive a vehicle to an excursion or function during the school day;
- Beaumaris SC accepts no responsibility for damage to student vehicles and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

Policy review and approval

Created date	February 2023
Endorsed by	School Council
Endorsed on	21 February 2023
Next review date	February 2027

Student Driver's Permission Form

This form must be completed and lodged at Reception.

Student

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: A photocopy of the student's Driver's Licence must be attached to this form.

Parent

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing this we accept all conditions outlined in the school's Student Driver Policy

Description of Vehicle

Vehicle Registration Number: _____ Colour: _____

Make: _____

Note: If the student intends to drive any vehicle other than the one registered on this form, it must also be registered with the school. Please register any other vehicle likely to be driven to school by the student below.

Beaumaris SC Approval

Approved By: Principal/ Assistant Principal

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child has indicated that they intend to drive to school this year and have also indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

_____ has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school/will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety-conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.

The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk. It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the types of behaviours that the school expects from student drivers.

Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are attached.

The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without the written permission of their parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian.

Students are expected to abide by current legislation relating to Red P Plate drivers.

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian and, where appropriate, a parent/guardian of any passenger, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

The form must be signed and returned prior to students driving to and from school.

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students and maintain a positive image of the school within the local community. Students driving to or from school as Learners with their parents in supervision do not fall under this policy.

Yours sincerely,

Debby Chaves
Principal

Passenger Permission Form

This form must be completed by a parent/guardian of any student intending to travel to school as a passenger of a student of this school who drives a vehicle to and from school.

I give approval for Student Passenger's Name: _____

to travel with Student Driver's Name: _____

We accept all conditions detailed in the school's Student Driver Policy.

Parent/Guardian of Student Passenger (Name): _____

Parent/Guardian of Student Passenger (Signature): _____

Student Passenger Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian of Student Driver (Name): _____

Parent/Guardian of Student Driver (Signature): _____

Student Driver Signature: _____

Beaumaris SC Approval

Approved By: Principal/ Assistant Principal _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____