



## STUDENT USE OF CARS POLICY

Dimboola Memorial Secondary College recognises that on reaching the age of 18, students gain certain rights and have certain obligations under the laws in relation to their use of motor vehicles. The school also recognises that it has a special responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of all students regardless of age. In this context the College has established a set of conditions, based on Departmental guidelines, for the use of private cars by students, as set out below

1. Students who have obtained a licence can apply to drive a motor vehicle to school. The application form must be completed and signed by the driver and signed by a parent or guardian.
2. Students are **not** permitted to transport other students in private cars in connection with any school program or function, whether held during normal school hours or at other times. This includes sporting activities, excursions, camps, cultural activities, leadership programs, community programs, travel to attend VET courses, travel to work experience or work placements.
3. Students are to park their cars in the parking area near the Health and Fitness Centre at the rear of the school, unless directed otherwise.
4. Students' cars may only be used to drive to and from school and home. Cars may only be used at lunchtime if the student has been given permission to leave the school grounds following the presentation of a parental request, which has been agreed to by the Level Coordinator.
5. Siblings may be transported to school provided that a parent or guardian has given written permission.

### Research informing this policy

#### *What about young drivers carrying young passengers?*

Travelling with teenage passengers constitutes one of the greatest risks for young drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

- The fatal crash risk is increased five times when two or more passengers are carried.
- The increased risk with passengers present is greatest when young male passengers accompany young male drivers and is thought to be largely the result of distraction and increased risk taking.
- Friends and peers are generally a negative influence on the behaviour of young drivers, particularly young male drivers as it is thought there is an increased tendency by the young driver to take risks in response to peer pressure.
- Distractions caused by social interaction among peers are likely to play a role in increasing driver inattentiveness.
- The mere physical presence of a 16-24 year old passenger is more likely to stimulate the driver to engage in risky and anti-social behaviour.

I acknowledge having read the information above, including the risks associated with young drivers carrying passengers.

**Please be aware that DMSC does not take responsibility for damage to cars whilst on school grounds.**



## APPLICATION TO DRIVE A VEHICLE TO SCHOOL

### DETAILS OF DRIVER

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILS OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Make and model: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of manufacture \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT / GUARDIAN

I have read and signed the school policy regarding the use of motor vehicles by students.  
I give permission for my child to use the above vehicle in the manner set out in the policy.

I also give my child permission to drive the siblings named below to school

Name	Form
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Name of Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT

I have read and signed the school policy regarding the use of motor vehicles by students.  
I agree to all conditions set down in the policy.  
I agree to use the vehicle responsibly at all times.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL**

The application above is approved and permission granted to use a vehicle within the guidelines of the school's policy.

**Principal** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**REGISTER OF CAR USERS AND PASSENGERS.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAR DETAILS</b>	<b>SIBLING PASSENGERS</b>	<b>OTHER PASSENGERS</b>