



Somerville Secondary College

Student Drivers Policy

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 Somerville Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

POLICY

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. Somerville Secondary College 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. Consistent with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions, students are permitted to drive only one peer passenger (aged 16-22), unless the passengers are siblings of the driver.

Students are not permitted to use or return to 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.

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

Parking

Students may park in the carpark adjacent to Graf Road. Students are not permitted to park in the staff car park. Somerville Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the car park and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's teaching and learning resource:

- [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2022
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	May 2026



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APPENDIX A

(NOTE: This form must be returned to senior sub school leader)

Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

This form must be completed by any student who intends to drive to school either occasionally or regularly.

Student Name	
Car Make/Model	
Colour	
Registration Number	
Note: if the student intends to drive any car other than the one registered on this form, it must also be registered with the school.	

Parent Permission

I give permission for _____ to drive to school and take the siblings indicated on this form. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Please list any siblings that will be passengers (full name and year level):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student

I agree to adhere to Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Principal Approval

Signature _____ Date: _____

***NOTE: A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE STUDENT'S DRIVER LICENCE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.**



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APPENDIX B:

Note this form must be returned to senior sub school leader.

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 car 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 Name:	
Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	

Student Passenger Name:	
Student Signature	
Date	

Student Passenger Name:	
Student Signature	
Date	