



NORTHERN BAY COLLEGE STUDENT DRIVER 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 Northern Bay 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. Northern Bay 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 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.]**

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

Northern Bay College takes no responsibility for damage to parked vehicles and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk. Student parking is not permitted in the Goldsworthy Road/ Indiana Avenue staff car park, streets may park in streets adjacent to the school.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Traffic Safety](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2021.