

POLICY: STUDENT DRIVING TO SCHOOL

1. STATEMENT OF BELIEF:

As emerging, responsible adults, it is acknowledged that students upon gaining their driving licence have a right to drive to and from school, provided that this is in accordance with the safety and liability standards expected by the College, and in keeping with the welfare needs of all students.

Drouin Secondary College clearly acknowledges the diversity of all children, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning (LGBTIQ) individuals, and children who are vulnerable.

The College is committed to a 'no tolerance' for child abuse when dealing with students. (See child abuse definition below.)

Definitions:

child abuse includes:-

- (a) any act committed against a child involving
 - (i) a sexual offence; or
 - (ii) an offence under section 498(2) of the Crimes Act 1958 (grooming); and
- (b) the infliction, on a child, of:-
 - (i) physical violence; or
 - (ii) serious emotional or psychological harm; and
- (c) serious neglect of a child.

2. OBJECTIVES:

The College will follow DET guidelines in respect of students driving to and from Drouin Secondary College and college functions.

3. IMPLEMENTATION:

- 3.1 Appropriately licensed 18 year-old (or older) students may drive to and from the College in fully roadworthy and registered cars or motorbikes.
- 3.2 It is presumed that any students driving to school will exercise due caution and observe all road laws, in a manner which brings credit to themselves and to the College.
- 3.3 Students who drive to school will continue to be punctual and reliable in fulfilling all their responsibilities as students.
- 3.4 Students are only permitted to park their vehicles outside the College grounds.
- 3.5 Students cannot access or drive their cars during the school day.
- 3.6 No student is, at any time, permitted to carry any other student from this College in any car which she/he is driving, either to or from the College, without written permission from their parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian; and the formal application to the Principal being approved.
- 3.7 No student is permitted to have consumed any alcohol or illicit substance whilst in charge of a motor vehicle.

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- 3.8 The College cannot be held legally liable for any loss or damage to property or personal injury associated with a student opting to drive to school.
- 3.9 Any student who wishes to drive to the College must complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form and be issued with a copy of this Policy, which should also be shown to the relevant Parent/Guardian.
- 3.10 Failure to abide by these Guiding Principles will result in disciplinary action and the Principal may revoke the right of a particular student to continue to drive to the College.
- 3.11 Students must not drive to or from any school excursions or activities.

4. EVALUATION:

This Policy will be reviewed by the Education Policy Committee as part of the schools' four year cycle.