



Student Driving Policy

As is the case with many schools, a small number of our senior students are given permission to drive to and from school. While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate, they are one of our most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers. As a school community, we have a responsibility to ensure the welfare and safety of students. Our Student Driving Policy outlines what we expect from our student drivers.

As a school, it is important to us that we maintain the positive image we believe we have within the local community. Student drivers must recognise that any careless and unsafe driving not only endangers lives but also reflects poorly on them personally and on the School. We encourage all members of the school community to inform the school if they become aware of any students driving in a reckless or dangerous manner or who are not adhering to road rules.

Such reports will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. The police will be notified should student drivers have been found putting themselves and other road users at risk. Concern for our students' safety and welfare are paramount and we ask that the whole school community works together to achieve this end.

Policy Statement:

Any student of legal driving age who wishes to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the Alphington Grammar School Policy and must first complete the related Consent Form (Driver and/or Passenger) and ensure these are lodged with the Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary. Student passengers must not accept an offer of a ride to and from school unless the relevant Consent Form has been completed.

1. Implementation:

- 1.1. Student drivers are required to adhere to all road rules and to drive in a safe and responsible manner.
- 1.2. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day.
- 1.3. Students are not permitted to go to their car during the school day, including recess, lunchtime or during study periods.
- 1.4. Student license details, car make and registration details must be recorded with the school. The Office will maintain a database of student drivers.
- 1.5. The school cannot provide space for student parking. Consequently no student is permitted to park their car within the school grounds. Students must park in the streets adjacent to the school and must comply with all signposted parking regulations. Vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.
- 1.6. Students are not permitted to carry other students to and from school without written consent of the parent/parent liaison of both driver and passenger. Unless there are exceptional circumstances and special permission is obtained, no more than one passenger should travel with the driver.
- 1.7. Student drivers, parent/parent liaison and, if relevant, the parent/parent liaison of any passenger, must sign the Consent Form and lodge with the Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary prior to any such agreement taking effect. Appropriate sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations.
- 1.8. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to transport other students in private vehicles in connection with any school program, excursions or functions, whether held during normal school hours or at other times.



- 1.9. Students who fail to meet these requirements risk losing the privilege of driving to and from school, and appropriate consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct will apply.
- 1.10. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

2. Safety First:

2.1. Alphington Grammar School is committed to the protection and wellbeing of all students whilst participating in school activities both during and outside school hours. Staff have responsibility for building and maintaining a child safe environment. This responsibility extends to the identification and timely response to all concerns with regard the safety of any student of our school.

3. Letter to Parents/Parent Liaisons:

Dear Parents/Parent Liaisons,

A number of our senior students will be gaining a driver's licence this year and may plan to drive to and from school either occasionally or on a regular basis.

Our school expectations are detailed in the attached copy of the School Student Driving Policy. It is important that both students and parents/parent liaisons read this policy carefully and complete the required Consent Form.

Students and parents/parent liaison need to be aware that students cannot park in the school grounds and that they are not permitted to go to their car during the school day. Under no circumstances may students, once at school, transport other students in their cars when travelling to and from any school program or function. Student drivers who wish to transport another student as a passenger must complete the relevant Consent Form, as must the student passenger.

The school is well aware that young drivers are at greater risk than more experienced drivers and that travelling with teenage passengers may increase the risk for young drivers. Consequently, we are conscious of the need to ensure a duty of care for our students.

As well, we wish to maintain the positive perception of our school in the local community. We have an expectation that all our students will drive to and from school in a safe and responsible manner. Sanctions will be imposed upon students who breach the school policy and police will be notified if students break the road rules.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary.

4. Parent/Parent liaison Permission and Student Agreement Form:

Any student who intends to drive, either occasionally or regularly, must complete this form.

Name:	
License Number:	
Vehicle 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.

If completing this form to seek approve for travel in another students car, still record the details above.

Parent/Parent Liaison Driver Permission

I give permission for _____ to drive to school and transport the passenger indicated on this form, and if applicable siblings as listed on this form. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school policy regarding students driving to and from school.

Signature of Parent/Parent Liaison: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Parent Liaison Passenger Permission

I give permission for _____ to be driven to and from school by _____. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school policy regarding students driving to and from school.

Signature of Parent/Parent Liaison: _____ Date: _____

Student Agreement

I agree to adhere to the conditions associated with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System and the requirements outlined in the Alphington Grammar School students driving a car to school policy.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary Approval:	
Signature:	Date:

Note: A photograph of the student's driver license must be attached to this form