



LOYOLA COLLEGE

STUDENT DRIVER POLICY

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PREAMBLE

Loyola College is a co-educational Catholic College, inspired by the teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and committed to taking all responsible measures to ensure the wellbeing and safety of its students. This commitment to the care and wellbeing of all students acknowledges that our senior students may become licensed drivers during their time at the College.

Young drivers are one of the most vulnerable road user groups because of their inexperience, relatively underdeveloped skills and a distinct pattern of behaviour relating to youth culture and lifestyle. While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research indicates that travelling with teenage passengers constitutes an increased risk. In their first year of driving, young people are three times more likely to be killed or injured than older, more experienced drivers.

DEFINITION

College Activity is defined as an activity conducted by the College or authorised by the College and includes daily school attendance, excursions and incursions, undertaking an educational program provided by a registered education and training organisation, ACS sport events, student leadership events, preparation for College events, events undertaken as a member of the College's music program, camps and retreats, reflection days or other such College sanctioned events.

College Grounds are defined as the land upon which College buildings are located.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Loyola College is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment and in doing so:

- All students, staff members, parents, guardians and visitors to the College have the right to feel safe in the College environment.
- Standards and expectations for student behaviour are clearly articulated.
- The support of parents & guardians to ensure the wellbeing of all students is paramount.
- The responsibility to act justly is expected of all members of the College community.
- The expectation exists that students will drive to and from the College in a safe and responsible manner.

POLICY GUIDELINES

The College is aware that a number of its students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. Consequently all student drivers are required to abide by the following:

- Loyola College does not have space available for student parking. Consequently no student is permitted to park their vehicle within the College grounds.
- Students are not permitted to leave the College grounds and go to their vehicle during the school day.
- It is expected that students will drive to and from the College in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to all road rules, as per *Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Guidelines*.
- No Loyola College student is permitted to drive to or from a College activity when the College has made provisions to provide transport to and from the College activity.
- Students driving to or from a College activity when transport is not provided by the College do so at their own risk.
- In accordance with the *TAC Student Driver Policy Guidelines* under no circumstances is a Loyola College student permitted to transport other Loyola College students in his or her vehicle when travelling to and from a College activity.
- In the event that the College becomes aware that these requirements are disregarded, parents will be notified by the College and appropriate student sanctions will apply.
- In the event that the College becomes aware that a student driver has broken road rules or driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS:

Policy 2.26 ~ Pastoral Care of Students in Catholic Schools (Catholic Education Office Melbourne)

Student Driver Policy Guidelines ~ Resources for Schools (Transport Accident Commission in partnership with the Department of Education and Training)