

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL POLICY

Lowanna College: School Number 01-8821

Rationale:

Any student who holds a valid Victorian Drivers licence and intends driving to school, either regularly or occasionally, must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the 'Parent Permission and Student Agreement' Form.

Definition:

- To closely monitor the student use of motor vehicles on and around the school premises.
- To minimise the potential for risk of injury or incident related to the use of student motor vehicles, whilst ensuring Lowanna College meets duty of care obligations.

Aims:

- To support and extend classroom learning.
- To develop positive study habits.
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning.
- To support partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children.

Implementation:

Requirements for students driving motor vehicles to Lowanna College:

1. Student drivers and a parent/guardian must sign the 'Parent Permission and Student Agreement' form.
2. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner, including adhering to all College signage such as speed limits on school grounds. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the Police and sanctions enforced.
3. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day, unless parent permission has been provided.
4. Student licence details and vehicle make and registration must be recorded with the school.
5. Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers. The only exception is for siblings and other students who have signed permission on the 'Parent Permission and Student Agreement' form.
6. Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include, but are not limited to, the temporary or permanent removal of parking privileges, suspension from school, after school detention and parent meetings. Any disciplinary action will be implemented as per the College 'Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures'.
7. The Parking Permit must be clearly displayed on the dash of the motor vehicle so that it is visible from the outside. Failure to do so may mean the privilege of parking on site is removed.

Evaluation:

This policy can undergo a minor review at any time, with a major review as part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 1 May 2017.

Students Driving to School: Parent Permission & Student Agreement Form

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

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/Guardian Driver Permission

I give permission for _____ to drive to school and transport siblings (If applicable) listed on this form. I am aware of the conditions associated with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System and the College policy regarding students driving to and from school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Passenger Permission

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student Agreement

I agree to adhere to the conditions associated with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System and the requirements outlined in the Lowanna College Students Driving to School policy.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Note: A photocopy of the student's driver licence must be attached to this form.

Principal Approval:		
Signature:		Date:

Lowanna College 2017 Student Parking Permit

This Parking Permit must be clearly displayed on the dash of the motor vehicle so that it is visible from the outside. Failure to do so may mean the privilege of parking on site is removed.

Student Name:			
Car Make / Model:		Registration Number:	
Colour:			
Approved by:			
Signed:		Date:	

Letter to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A number of our Senior School students are driving to, or plan to drive to, school this year and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

Your son/daughter has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school and/or will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers. The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk. It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that Lowanna College expects from student drivers. Copies of the Lowanna College 'Students Driving to School' policy and the 'Parent Permission and Student Agreement' form are attached. The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding transport of passengers. Under the Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat. However, it is Lowanna College policy that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school or events without written permission from a parent or guardian on the 'Parent Permission and Student Agreement' form.

For more information please go to: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/health/studdriver.pdf>

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian, are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The form must be signed and returned to the Senior School office prior to students using the designated parking area. Students are also required to display the Lowanna College Parking Permit when parked on the school premises.

Yours sincerely,

