

Student Drivers 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 Hallam Senior College who have a valid driver's licence.

Policy

The College is aware that a number of senior students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. Young drivers are one of the most vulnerable road user groups because of their inexperience, their on-going development of driving skills and because of patterns of risk-taking behaviour related to their youth. Further research shows that travelling with young teenage passengers constitutes an increased risk for young drivers. It is important, therefore, that all members of the College community are aware of the College policy relating to students driving to school so that it can exercise its duty of care and enhance student safety.

Guidelines and Implementation:

1. It is expected that students will drive to and from school in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to all the road rules.
2. Students who are licensed to drive may drive themselves to College, however, they must submit the Students Driving Cars to School, Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. This form must be completed, signed and returned to their Sub School Leader with a copy of their Driver's Licence.
3. Students who wish to travel to and from College in cars driven by other students must submit the Students Driving Cars to School, Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. This form must be completed, signed and returned to their Sub School Leader.
4. Students who wish to carry student passengers in their vehicle must ensure that each passenger has submitted the Students Driving Cars to School, Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. The driver of the vehicle must also obey the law regarding how many passengers they may carry. Peer Passenger Restrictions: You can't drive with more than one "peer passenger" (someone between 16 and 22 years of age) if you are on your Red P's.
BUT you can drive with more than one person aged 16-22 if:
 - The peer passengers are members of your immediate family (eg. your siblings, a spouse or domestic partner)
5. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to transport other students in private vehicles in connection with any school program or function, whether held during normal school hours or at other times. In exceptional circumstances, a student may drive to a College function or program with parental and College permission. In this case written approval must be provided by the parent.
6. A laminated pass supplied to approved students, must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle whilst parking in the school grounds.
7. Students are not permitted to be out of the College grounds during the normal course of the day. Students must not be travelling in cars at lunchtimes, recess or during spare periods unless their classes have concluded for the day.
8. If these requirements are disregarded, parents will be notified and appropriate consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct will apply.
9. **If the College becomes aware that a student has broken road rules or has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police and parents will be notified.**

Parking

Student parking is accessed via Gate 3 on Frawley Road. Students are not permitted to park anywhere else on campus. Students must observe local parking restrictions and not obstruct or cause inconvenience to local residents.

Hallam Senior College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student car park and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

Review Cycle

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Links / Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Policy and Advisory Guide: Traffic Safety• Students Driving Cars to School Permission and Agreement form• Student Code of Conduct• Duty of Care• Personal Property