



Requirements for students driving cars to school

This policy is to be read in conjunction with:

- **Motto, Vision & Mission Statement**
- **Statement of Faith**
- **Philosophy**
- **School Aims**
- **Workplace Health and Safety**

Rationale

It is recognised many senior students may wish/choose to travel to and from school in their own vehicles and they should view this as a privilege and not a right. Parkes Christian School is aware of the need for other students to travel in these vehicles from time to time.

While most young drivers are careful, safety-conscious and considerate when driving, they are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers.

With this in mind, the school has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the welfare and safety of students. Our “Student Drivers Policy” outlines the circumstances where students are given permission to drive to school and the circumstances under which this permission is withdrawn.

Parkes Christian School recognises that

- Students may need to drive to and from school.
- At times, student drivers may need to transport other students to and from school.
- There exists a duty of care for the safety and well being of student drivers and passengers.
- Safety of both driver and any passengers is of great importance.

Broad Guidelines

In implementing this policy, Parkes Christian School aims to:

- Impress upon students that driving a vehicle to and from school is a privilege and not a right
- Educate student drivers of their responsibilities.
- Seek parental permission regarding the student use of vehicles.
- Monitor and keep records of student drivers and their authorised passengers.
- Follow up any breaches of guidelines associated with the policy in a prompt, fair and consistent manner.

A student who has a licence to drive or ride, and who intends to use this form of transport to and from school, is required to comply with this Policy. This Policy does not apply to those on a Learner’s permit.

Procedures

- a) Students are to provide a completed Driving to School form and a copy of their licence.
- b) Students are to drive in a safe and responsible manner.
- c) Keys are to be handed to Mr Quince, or his delegate, at the start of day and collect them at the end of school.
- d) Students are not permitted to drive to school events outside of their local urban area, determined by the region in which they live.
- e) A student must not transport another student to or from school unless permission has been previously sought and a Passenger Permission Form has been completed.
- f) The school takes no responsibility for damage to cars whilst on the school grounds however as a result of damage owing to vandalism by students of PCS, those involved will be subject to sanctions under the PCS vandalism policy.
- g) If any of the above requirements are not followed, the student will have an appropriate sanction applied which may include, but is not restricted to - a warning, after school detention, suspension, or withdrawal of the student's right to park at the school.



PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DRIVING TO SCHOOL FORM

This form must be completed and lodged at the School Office prior to a student being granted permission to drive to school.

STUDENT

Student Name:

Student Signature: Date:

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

In signing this we accept all conditions outlined in the school's Student Driver Policy

PARENT

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE 1

Registration Number: Colour:

Make:

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE 2

Registration Number: Colour:

Make:

Note: If the student intends to drive or ride any vehicle other than the one registered on this form, it must also be registered with the school.

SCHOOL APPROVAL (PRINCIPAL)

Signature: Date:

Place this signed document into the student's file.



Parkes Christian School Passenger Permission Form

This form must be completed by a parent/guardian of any student intending to travel to school as a passenger of a student who drives to and from school, and the driver's parent/guardian.

I give approval for

Student Passenger 1: Parent

Student Passenger 2: Parent

Student Passenger 3: Parent

Student Passenger 4: Parent

to travel to and from school with Student Driver's Name:

We accept all conditions detailed in the school's Student Driver Policy.

Student Driver Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

School Approval Principal

Signature:

Date: