



## **STUDENT DRIVERS' POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

This policy sets out our school's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. Melba College 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 Melba College who have a valid driver's licence.

### **POLICY**

Melba College recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school.

Melba College expects that all student drivers will adhere to the conditions of their licence and the road rules; and will drive in a safe and responsible manner.

If the school becomes aware that a student driver has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified. The Melba College Principal can revoke permission for any student referred to Police to park their car on Melba College grounds.

Students are not permitted to drive themselves to and from camps, excursions or other school activities unless previously arranged and agreed in consultation with the school principal, and only in exceptional circumstances or in circumstances where all students are required to make their own way to the event.

Consistent with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions, students are permitted to drive only one peer passenger (aged 16-22), unless the passengers are siblings of the driver.

Students are not permitted to use their car during the school day unless it is for an approved reason such as an unavoidable medical appointment. A certificate of attendance at the appointment is required.

If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply.

The Melba College Principal can decide for any reason including, but not limited to, significant congestion and unavailability of parking at Melba College that licensed students do not drive to and from school. Students who have no means of travelling to school other than driving themselves are encouraged to speak to the Melba College Principal.

Melba College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked by the student and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

### **Student Parking**

Students may park in the top gravel carpark.

### **REFERENCES**

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Traffic Safety](#)

### **RELATED POLICIES**

- Melba College Staff Car Driving Policy
- Melba College Attendance Policy

### **EVALUATION**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the Melba College's three-year review cycle.

<b>Policy Reviewed by School Council</b>	<b>Person Responsible for Policy</b>	<b>Next School Council Review</b>
2019	Assistant Principal Compliance	2022