



**St Joseph's School**  
**Port Lincoln**

*In all things love*

## Student Driver Policy

### Context Statement

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. St Joseph's School is aware of the need for other students to travel in these vehicles from time to time. Through this policy, St Joseph's School will endeavour to ensure the safety and responsibility of student drivers and their authorised passengers.

### Underlying Assumptions, Philosophy and Rationale

St Joseph's School acknowledges that:

- At times, student drivers may need to transport other students/siblings to and from school;
- There exists a duty of care for the safety and wellbeing of student drivers and passengers;
- Both cars and motor bikes are considered vehicles;
- The use of student vehicles on excursions/activities is allowed only if all other viable alternatives are not available;
- Students cannot transport other students to and from school activities;
- Safety of both driver and any passengers is the highest priority.

### Purpose / Aims

Through the implementation of this policy, St Joseph's School will:

- 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.

### Guidelines and Procedures

**The Principal / Deputy Principal will:**

- Obtain from parents / caregivers the names of student drivers and permissions from parents / caregivers of any authorised passengers in their student driver's vehicle;
- Designate authorised parking areas for student vehicles;
- Advise parents / caregivers that the school takes no responsibility for damage to any student vehicles parked on School premises;
- Invoke standard internal disciplinary procedures if breaches of this policy occur.

**The Senior School Pastoral Care Leader will:**

- Ensure that driver's licences are sighted for authenticity by Pastoral Care Leader;;
- Monitor the use of student vehicles and passengers travelling in those vehicles;
- Make transport arrangements for excursions which minimises student vehicle use;
- Report any concerns, or breaches of this policy to the Principal / Deputy Principal.

### The Students will:

- Complete an 'Application for Student Driving' prior to commencing driving to school;
- Provide their driver's licence;
- Ensure their vehicle is roadworthy and registered;
- Park in the designated areas;
- Not allow unauthorised passengers to travel in their vehicles to and from school;
- Never transport other students (except siblings) if the driver is the holder of a Learner's Permit, regardless of whether a licenced driver is in the vehicle;
- Never transport students to and from school activities;
- Obtain parent consent on each occasion where there is no viable option other than a student driving their own vehicle to an activity;
- Never have students as pillion passengers when riding a motor bike to and from school;
- Not use their vehicles as a place for recreation or leisure;
- Follow sign-out procedures before leaving school grounds in student vehicles during school hours;
- Drive in a responsible and lawful manner at all times and ensure that authorised passengers travelling in the vehicle use the appropriate restraining devices;
- Be conscious of being identified as a St Joseph's student whilst driving and therefore act appropriately at all times;
- Give consideration at all times to neighbouring residents of the school, and adhere to all road traffic rules;
- Advise the school of any change of vehicle and any related circumstances throughout the year.

### The Parents / Caregivers will:

- Undertake to support the School policy by ensuring their student driver is complying with the policy and associated rules and procedures;
- Provide written consent via the 'Application for Student Driving' form prior to the commencement of student driving;
- Provide consent on each occasion where there is no viable option other than a student driving their own vehicle to an activity;
- Ensure their child's vehicle is roadworthy and registered;
- Seek permission from the Principal / Deputy Principal of any alternative arrangement that needs to be considered to meet individual / particular circumstances.