



THE CATHEDRAL COLLEGE

**Boarding**

# Student Driving *Agreement*

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This policy applies to all Boarding students at The Cathedral College. It applies to those driving and to passengers in vehicles driven by students.

Driving a car is an inherently dangerous activity. The research and statistics indicate that young people are very much over represented in serious motor vehicle accidents and fatalities. The risks for driving and travelling in a vehicle are often underrated given it is a daily activity. Tragically each year, some schools have students involved in very serious accidents involving student drivers, particularly if inexperience and youthful exuberance combined with passengers in vehicles driven by only recently licensed drivers results serious misjudgement.

We regard driving to and from school, and the use of cars by students as a privilege and a very significant responsibility.



### **Boarders**

Boarders may have a car on the Campus only if they have provided written permission (as per our Form - Addendum A) to the Head of Boarding from their parents.



### **Passengers**

Passengers must have written permission to travel in cars (as per our Form - Addendum B). We assume that siblings may travel as a passenger with their older brother or sister without written permission, unless directed otherwise by parents.

## **Permittable Usage**

Vehicles are only to be used, with permission, for the following specific purposes:

- To attend off-campus sporting activities for which the College does not provide transport
- Transport to and from home
- Transport to and from work/TAFE

Vehicles are not to be used for any other purpose (i.e. to go to Stocklands, McDonald's, the shops etc.).

## Withdrawal of Driving Privileges

The privilege of the use of a car can be withdrawn from Boarders at any time if a student:

- is not deemed to be honouring the expectations of this policy
- carries passengers without the mandatory parental and school permissions
- is observed by a staff member to be driving dangerously or without due care at any time
- parents wish to withdraw their permission

## General Principles for All Students

### Permission

The school requires that parents give permission for their child to drive. Parents should not feel obliged to give this permission and they should be confident that many parents either do not grant permission or they place additional constraints on vehicle usage by their children.

The school reviews each request on merits and does not automatically accept submitted permission forms.

### Passengers

We are very concerned about the safety aspects of young drivers balancing the responsibilities of driving a car and being aware of their passengers.

For this reason, passengers require parental permission (as per our Form - Addendum B). We do not require formal permission to be submitted for siblings to travel as a passenger in their sibling's car.

### Motorcycles

Given the significant risk and high rate of incidents on our roads, the school does not recommend that day students travel to and from school on a motorbike under any circumstances.

***Permission is never granted to Boarders to ride or travel as a passenger on a motorbike whether during the day, weekend or after hours.***

## Travel During the School Day

Students are not to use their cars during the school day, except when they have specific permission that allows them to leave the school as approved.

Students may not drive in their cars to school events such as sporting carnivals or camps under any circumstance unless permission has been granted from the Head of Boarding upon communication with parents.

## Parking

There is limited on street parking in the school vicinity. When parking at either Girls' or Boys' Boarding, students must park where directed by their Head of House and/or the Head of Boarding.

## Specific Requirements

Boarders and parents should note that The Cathedral College Transport provides buses to transport students to sporting and co-curricular activities. Staff are also available to transport students to any approved appointments and the school prefers these transport methods, rather than students driving themselves.

Permission to drive may be granted to any Students who hold a valid Drivers Licence with the following conditions:

1. The vehicle may be used to travel to and from home.
2. The vehicle may be used to transport other students with written permission from both parties. i.e. permission to carry passengers and permission to be a passenger (note., that full compliance with restrictions relating to passengers for those on Probationary Licenses is mandatory).
3. Vehicles may never be used to store substances that are prohibited at The Cathedral College and within the Boarding Houses (including alcohol or firearms).
4. Vehicles may only be driven in a sensible manner on campus, when entering and exiting the campus and at all other times.
5. There is a limited number of parking spaces around the school Campus. Some parking locations are dedicated for school and staff vehicles and must not be used by students.
6. The vehicle must be fully insured. The School holds no responsibility for damage and/or theft whilst the car is on school grounds or beyond.

7. The school is very willing to support additional expectations or limitations on students at the request of parents. Note that this is common. For example, some parents only allow the car to be used for travel to and from their home, never with passengers or never when dark.
8. All student drivers and student passengers will be required to have the Life360 App downloaded and aligned with their Head of House who will also have the Life360 App allowing their location to be tracked at all times. Please note this only needs to be activated when drivers or passengers are in the vehicle. Failure to adhere to this is considered a breach and vehicle privileges may be forfeited.
9. Keys must be handed to the Head of House upon arrival at school on all occasions. Keys will be locked in the relevant Boarding House office and only accessible via a Boarding Staff member.

# Addendum A: Application to Allow Boarder's Vehicles on Campus

Applicant's Name (Parent/Guardian):		Boarding House: Boys' Boarding Girls' Boarding	
Student Name:			
<b>1.</b>	Vehicle Make + Model:	Colour:	Rego:
<b>2.</b>	Vehicle Make + Model:	Colour:	Rego:
<b>3.</b>	Vehicle Make + Model:	Colour:	Rego:

I/We request permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to bring a vehicle to the College and leave it on campus when not in use. We understand that this permission is a privilege, granted for a particular need and subject to specific conditions (listed below) which may be withdrawn by the College if those conditions are not met.

Reason for Student to Bring + Keep a Vehicle at the College (please select)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Students needs to attend off campus activities including TAFE, work, approved appointments etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student needs own transport to and from home
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other specific need not covered above (please describe):

## Conditions under which this privilege is granted

1. Permission is granted by the Head of Boarding.
2. There will be one (1) set of keys to the vehicle on campus.
3. These keys will be given to and remain in the keeping of the student's Head of Boarding House. When the student needs to use the vehicle he obtains permission to do so and the keys from their Head of Boarding House.
4. Permission to use the vehicle and the keys can only be obtained from the Head of Boarding House.
5. The vehicle is to be used only for the purpose stated in this application. At no time is the vehicle to be driven within the College grounds unless to or from the designated parking area.
6. When not in use the vehicle must be parked in the designated parking area.
7. No other student of The Cathedral College is ever to be given use of the vehicle.
8. No other student of The Cathedral College is ever to be a passenger in the vehicle without the express and particular permission of both the driver's and the passenger's Heads of Boarding House. This permission can only be given on the basis of written permission from the student's parent/guardian. No general permission for this purpose will be given.
9. All students and drivers will have their location visible via the Life360 App when they on leave with their vehicle.
10. At all times the vehicle is to be driven with due care and in accordance with the Traffic Laws and Regulations of the State of Queensland and the designated speed limits on campus.

## Declaration

I/we am/are in a position to assure the College that our child understands these conditions and is aware that the privilege may be forfeited if they are not fulfilled.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Student Signature:	Date:
AP Boarding Signature:	Date:
Head of House Signature:	Date:

# Addendum B: Permission to Travel as a Passenger in a Student Car

Student's Name:	Year:
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I wish for my child to travel to and from Boarding in a car being driven by:

Student Driver's Name:	Year:
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Parent/Guardian Name:
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Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
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Student Name:
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Student Signature:	Date:
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## Student Driver Acknowledgement

In addition to the above application made by my Parent(s)/Guardian, I understand that:

- Lateness for school may affect my driver permission status where patterns of lateness occur
- I am accountable to the school for my behaviour, always, including as a driver
- If driving, I am not permitted under any circumstances to carry student passengers who do not have school and parental approval to travel with me.

I have supplied the school with a photocopy of my valid Driver's License and below are my registration details. My signature below indicates that I understand and will comply with each of the conditions above.

Student Driver's Name:	Year:
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<b>1.</b> Vehicle Make + Model:	Colour:	Rego:
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<b>2.</b> Vehicle Make + Model:	Colour:	Rego:
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<b>3.</b> Vehicle Make + Model:	Colour:	Rego:
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