



Student Parking on Marymount School Grounds Procedure

Many students become young drivers and start driving themselves to school during the senior years of schooling. Whilst this is a significant and exciting rite of passage for our young people with most young drivers being 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.

Marymount College wishes to support students who have gained this adult privilege in a manner that acknowledges this achievement but also reduces any associated risks to the College community.

Purpose

The Purpose of this procedure is to facilitate effective, consistent, and equitable management of Student parking on Marymount College school grounds.

It is also to inform students, and their parents, of students' rights and responsibilities when parking and driving on the school grounds. The school regulates access to and usage of the roads and parking facilities on its grounds.

The Marymount Student Driver Policy applies to any student of legal driving age, who intends to drive a vehicle to and/or from the College, on a regular basis or occasionally.

The school endeavours to:

- Provide safe access to and around the school for all pedestrians
- Provide an orderly arrangement for parking of vehicles on the school grounds
- Acknowledge that parking on the school grounds, is a privilege and not a right
- Ensure that car and vehicle parking in and around the school grounds is orderly, safe and in accordance with the law
- Supervise the departure of student drivers each
- Ensure the carpark is well maintained and fit for purpose
- Ensure the student carpark is considered in the school's schedule of safety inspections.



Parental Consent and acknowledgement

Whilst the College acknowledges the right of students with a valid Driver's License to drive to and from school, parental/guardian permission is required for a student to drive to and from school and park a motor vehicle on school premises.

Parental/guardian permission is also required for that student driver to carry a passenger or passengers in a nominated vehicle. Passengers require parental/guardian permission to travel in the student's vehicle.

All motor vehicles driven by a student onto school grounds are required to be registered and roadworthy and where the vehicle is not owned by the student, permission by the owner provided as part of the Agreement Contract for Parents and Student Drivers.

Passengers are permitted only after the College has received written permission from the parents of the driver and parents of the passenger(s).

Procedures

The Head of Year will give approval to the student driver if all requirements have been met:

- Details of the student's current Driver's Licence
- Details of the motor vehicles that the student may drive to school
- The names of possible passengers with a letter of permission from their parent/guardian to travel in the student's motor vehicle.
- The student and their parent/guardian accepting the conditions of the contract below

For students to park on the school grounds in the designated Student Parking area they must have:

- A completed Parental consent form (EdSmart Parent Slip)
- Details of the:
 - student's current Driver's License
 - car colour, make and registration are required for the purposes of college records and for supervision of the car park. Please update in writing if changes occur.
- Parents and students acknowledge that the school does not accept any liability for damage to vehicles on school property and that drivers park on school property at their own risk
- Comply with the Student Driver Code of Conduct.
- Any infringement of these rules by students with cars will invalidate this contract and the student may be required to make alternative travel arrangements, as permission to park in College grounds may be revoked. Other sanctions may also be applied.



Student Driver Code of Conduct

No student is permitted to drive to school until the EdSmart form is completed, including the student's drivers licence number ~~be~~ filled in and that a photocopy of the licence is provided to the Head of Year. This is to ensure that no permission is granted to an unlicensed person.

Driver behaviour is to be exemplary at all times. Large numbers of young children, parents and College students, cross the car park to gain access to sporting fields as well as the school premises.

Students must:

- Be approved to park on the school grounds (Principals Discretion);
- Only park in the designated Student parking area
- Drive in a safe and responsible manner at all times
- Adhere to the 10km/hr speed limit within the school grounds
- Vehicles must be parked wholly within the parking bays denoted by painted lines or other markings
- Not park in such a way as to obstruct other vehicles from entering or leaving their bays
- Comply with all Queensland Road rules.
- Observe traffic rules and regulations whilst driving to and from the College in school uniform. Identified breaches may result in disciplinary action by the College.
- Not go to their cars during class time nor during recess or lunch breaks.
- Not allow other students to drive their car.
- Not offer lifts to students not listed on the contract.
- Not leave the College campus during the school day without permission.

Cars are for the purpose of travelling to and from school. Transport for College liturgies, sports events and excursions will have organised bus travel.

Locating an authorised parking bay is the responsibility of the driver. Lack of parking space, inclement weather conditions, time constraints, or other causes are not considered valid excuses for violation of this procedure.

All parking bays are clearly identified by coloured line marking and/or signage and vehicles are not to be parked or placed so as to obstruct the free and safe passage of vehicles.

The parking of any vehicle inside the school grounds is at the discretion of the Principal.

Consequences of not following the Student Code of Conduct

Non-compliance with this procedure may result in discipline or penalties being applied. Failure of the school to strictly enforce any or all aspects of this procedure will not be construed as a waiver for the future enforcement of this procedure.