



Student Driver Policy

1 Context

- 1.1 The safety of student drivers and their passengers is of significant importance to Cabra Dominican College Ltd (**Cabra**). Cabra acknowledges the need for some senior students to drive to or from College related activities from time to time.
- 1.2 Cabra aims to educate and support students to become informed, safe, respectful and responsible citizens.

2 Policy Statement

- 2.1 This policy aims to closely monitor student drivers and passengers, to minimise potential risk of injury or incident related to student drivers and passengers and to maximise adherence to the South Australian Road rules/laws.
- 2.2 Any student that holds a valid South Australian license who intends to drive to College related activities, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with this policy and complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form as required.

3 Definitions

A **student driver** is any student who holds a valid South Australian driver's license.

School grounds includes all area of the school property and extends to school excursions, sports carnivals and other events off the school site, where an approved school activity takes place.

4 Scope

This Policy

- 4.1 Applies to all students who hold a valid South Australian license and intends to drive to College related activities, either on a regular basis or occasionally.
- 4.2 Aims to promote safety.

5 General Principles

- 5.1 Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
- 5.2 Student licence details and car make/model and licence plate number must be recorded with the College.
- 5.3 It is the responsibility of the student driver and passengers to adhere to the laws surrounding probationary licences.
- 5.4 Students are not permitted to drive on or park on Cabra school grounds within the school week. Any students using their vehicle to travel to and from the College must park legally outside the school grounds. Students must obey the road rules in relation to parking and be mindful of local residents and pedestrians.

Driving to and from College activity(ies)

- 5.5 Students are permitted to drive to any VET/TAFE, university courses, sporting competitions or special musical performances where transport is not provided by the College, with the permission of their parent/caregiver. No other students are to travel in the vehicle with a student driver without written permission from the driver's parent/caregiver and the passenger's parent/caregiver.
- 5.6 Students are not permitted to drive or carry other students as passengers to retreats, camps, or excursions where transport is provided by the College. If there are exceptional circumstances requiring a student to drive to such an activity, the teacher in charge must seek initial approval from the Deputy Principal: People, Culture and Operations (or member of Executive Leadership Team). Following this, written approval must be sought from the student's parent/caregiver and the passenger's parent/caregiver.
- 5.7 Students are required to notify the College of any passenger who may be travelling with them to any College-related events or activities.

6 Implementation

Seeking Approval

- 6.1 Approval to drive must be obtained by completing the Parent/Caregiver Permission and Student Agreement Form attached to this policy and available from Student Services or SEQTA student portal.
- 6.2 Student drivers, a parent/caregiver and, if relevant, the parent/caregiver of any passenger, must sign the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form, prior to the student driving or carrying other students as passengers on each occasion/relevant period the student intends to drive to or from any College related event or activity.
- 6.3 Students are only permitted to drive or travel in cars identified on the Parent/Caregiver Permission and Student Agreement Form.
- 6.4 The Director of Students will ensure all forms are uploaded to the students SEQTA SIP which includes a list of passengers (where relevant). A copy of registered student drivers and passengers will be made available to College staff.

7 Breaches

Breaches of policy

- 7.1 Appropriate consequences will apply where students do not meet these obligations, as per the College's Developing Personal Responsibility Policy.
- 7.2 Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

8 Education

- 8.1 In Term One, Cabra hosts the Road Awareness Program, facilitated by the Metropolitan Fire Service, for young drivers. This is an excellent program that has been endorsed by thousands of South Australians over a number of years, and all students are encouraged to attend. This program has become an important strategy for promoting healthier attitudes towards driving and safety for everyone in the community.

9 Related Documents and References

- Cabra Dominican College Developing Personal Responsibility Policy



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