
Student Driving Policy and Procedure



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Introduction

This policy applies to all students at Nudgee College, both Day and Boarding students. It applies to those driving and to passengers in vehicles driven by students.

Noting that young males are overrepresented in serious motor vehicle accidents and fatalities, the following policy aims to protect our students. The college regards the use of cars by students as a privilege and a very significant responsibility. We thank students and parents for their support and compliance.

- Boarders may have a car on Campus only if parents/carers have provided written permission (as per our Form - Addendum A) to the Director of Boarding.
- Day Students may drive to and from school if parents/carers have provided written permission (as per our Form - Addendum B) to the Director of Students.
- Passengers must have written permission to travel in student vehicles (as per our Form - Addendum C). We assume that siblings may travel as a passenger with their older brother without written permission unless directed otherwise by parents.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students who wish to drive to school must complete the online [Student Driver application to Drive and Park Vehicle on Campus Form](#)
- Must attend a meeting with either the Director of Students / Director of Boarding prior to commencing driving to school.
- Must display the permit on their dashboard when parking on campus (this will be provided during the approval process).
- Students must follow all College signage and ensure they follow the 20km/hr speed limits.
- Students must appreciate that the College will respond to any reports of any inappropriate behaviour/conduct that is linked to Nudgee College.
- Students must notify the College if there are any changes to the information provided on the Student Driving to School Agreement.



GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR ALL STUDENTS

MOTORCYCLES

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

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 Dean of Students or the Dean of Boarding upon communication with parents.

PARKING

There is limited on-street parking in the school vicinity. Day students should park with careful adherence to signed guidance and other laws or by-laws. When parking on campus, students must park in the car park of the Flats Parking Area or the parking areas adjacent to the Property and Services shed.

WITHDRAWAL OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Driving privileges can be withdrawn from day students or boarders at any time if a student:

- is not deemed to be meeting 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
- has been identified as driving recklessly by a member of the public

This is not an exhaustive list. Ultimately, should the students driving behaviour place themselves or the College in disrepute, then a response may be forthcoming. Should the College receive a negative report; it is likely that a show cause meeting will take place.



BOARDERS - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Boarders and parents should note that Nudgee College Transport provides bus transportation to and from all 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. Therefore, student vehicles should only be used for the following three purposes:

- 1. Travel to and from home**
- 2. Travel to and from club sport**
- 3. Travel to and from work and/or TAFE**

Under extenuating circumstances, staff may allow students to use a vehicle for another purpose. However, students should not expect to be able to use their car to attend social outings, shopping centres or events with allocated College Transport.

Additional notes:

- Boarders' keys must be handed to Senior Staff 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.
- The vehicle may only 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).
- Vehicles may never be used to store substances that are prohibited at Nudgee College and within the Boarding Houses(including alcohol, cigarettes, vapes etc).
- Vehicles must be driven in a sensible manner on campus, when entering and exiting the campus and at all other times.
- 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.



Policy Review

Reviewed by the Director of Students (January, 2024). Ratified by the College Leadership Team.

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