

STUDENT DRIVERS

RATIONALE:

Students often need to travel considerable distances for school-related activities, and it is not always possible for parents/caregivers to be drivers. However the use of student drivers raises important issues for the Board of Trustees, both of safety and of keeping within the law.

PURPOSE:

1. To ensure that the laws in relation to driver licensing and safe motor vehicle use are followed.
2. To provide systems to ensure student safety at all times.

GUIDELINES:

1. For every school trip, parents/caregivers and other interested adults must be canvassed to see whether adult drivers can be found.
2. In cases where adult drivers cannot be found, appropriately licensed students may drive themselves providing they have the written permission of their parents/caregivers.
3. Students with full licences may only drive other students for any school related activity, when both the driver and all passengers have the prior written consent of their parents/caregivers.
4. Students must gain permission, on an annual basis, from parents/caregivers and the school, to travel to school in a vehicle. A permission form should be used for this purpose, and should include a copy of this guideline.
5. Any vehicle must have a current warrant of fitness and registration and be in a safe roadworthy condition.
6. Failure to abide by this policy may result in a conference at the school with all the parents/caregivers involved **and, where appropriate, disciplinary action** and/or the involvement of the Police.