



KAMBRYA COLLEGE

Students Driving to School- Information Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian

Several of our senior school students are driving or intend to drive to school this year and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

_____ has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school/will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school.

Even though most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.

The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the types of behaviour that the school expects from student drivers.

Copies of the school policy on student drivers and the *Parent Permission* and *Student Agreement Form* are attached.

The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers without the written permission of their parent / guardian and the passenger's parent / guardian.

Under the Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour. For more information, go to the following website:

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/victorias-graduated-licensing-system

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and parent / guardian and, where appropriate, a parent / guardian of any passengers, are required to sign a *Parent Permission* and *Student Agreement Form*.

The form must be signed and returned prior to students driving to and from Kambrya College.

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at Kambrya College and the local community.

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