



# Loreto College Student Driver Policy

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## School Requirements

At Loreto College we are committed to working collaboratively with our students, families/guardians to put policies in place to ensure the safety of our student drivers and passengers. Any student who holds a valid Victorian licence and intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
2. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the College grounds during school hours or drive to school activities.
3. Student licence details, car make/model and registration must be recorded with the school.
4. Students may only park in the designated student parking area, refer to last page.
5. Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without the written permission of their parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian.
6. The school has a policy that, no more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. The GLS condition requires all P1 drivers to carry no more than one peer passengers (aged 16-22 years). Peers do not include siblings. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat.
7. Students are required to notify the Director of Years 10-12 of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and from school.
8. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the *Parent permission and Student Agreement Form*.
9. Student drivers are to arrange a meeting with the Director of Years 10-12 (either before Mentor Group or after school) to discuss this policy and to submit the form.

Appropriate sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

## Setting the expectation for student drivers

### Welfare and safety of student drivers

As is the case with many secondary colleges, more and more of our senior students are driving to and from school. While most young drivers are 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. Victoria's Graduated Licensing System condition states that 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 person who is fully licensed is sitting in the front passenger seat.

With this in mind, the College has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the welfare and safety of students. Our *Student Driving Policy* outlines what we expect from student drivers and the *Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form* can be obtained from the Director of Years 10-12 outside of timetabled class time.

All student drivers and parents/guardians are required to sign the Parent Permission and Student Agreement forms and return it to the College.

### Students as responsible drivers in the community

Our College takes pride in maintaining a positive image within the local community. With an increasing number of our students driving to and from school, it is important that they recognise that any careless and unsafe driving reflects poorly not just on them personally but also on the College.

Members of the school community are requested to inform the school if they are aware of any students who are driving in a reckless or dangerous manner or who are not adhering to road rules.

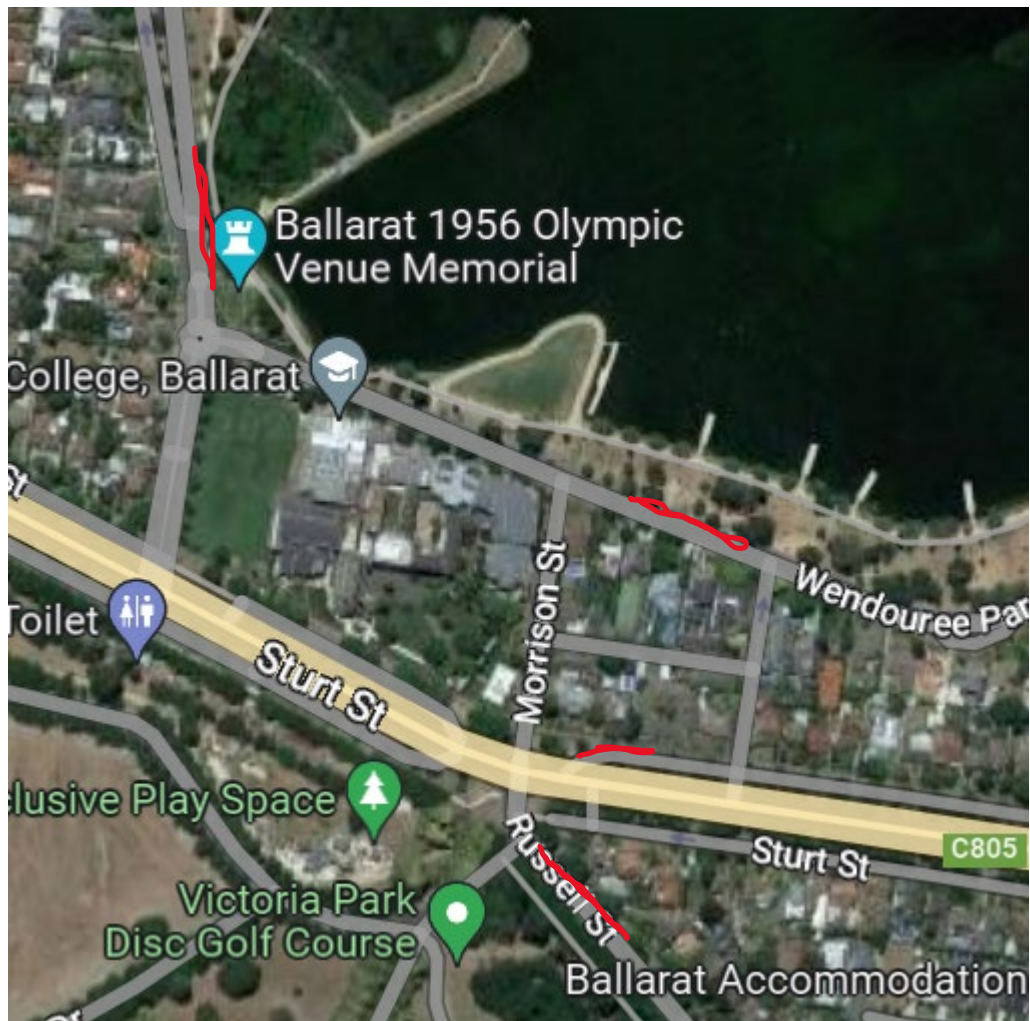
Any reports made will be taken seriously and investigated. If student drivers have been found to put themselves and other road users at risk, appropriate sanctions will be carried out and if necessary, the police notified. Concern for our students' safety and welfare are paramount and we ask that the whole school community works together to achieve this end.

### Parking for students driving to school

As the year progresses, more senior students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. Before and after school traffic is very busy and students often park a short distance away to park more easily. It is important students drive in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to road rules and parking signs.

Students must allow ample time to find a park, walk a distance to school and be on time to Mentor Group. During times of the year when the weather is wet and raining, extra time to travel to school and driving to the conditions of the road needs to be considered.

## Parking for student drivers



Student parking options marked in red.

1. Wendouree Parade, please park on the “lake side” of Wendouree Parade.
2. Russel Street.
3. Service Road Sturt Street, past Morrison Street.

Please avoid parking in areas dedicated for staff and visitors

1. On Lake Wendouree between Morrison St and Hamilton Ave (the school bus pick zone).
2. Sturt Street, directly in front of the College.
3. Ensure cars do not impede driveways or residences bins when they are out for collection.