



STUDENT DRIVERS

POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Cohuna Secondary College on 03 5456 2555 or cohuna.sc@education.vic.gov.au.

Purpose

This policy sets out our school's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. Our school recognises the need for the whole community to make efforts to minimise the risks associated with young drivers and to encourage responsible driving behaviours for students.

Scope

This policy applies to all students at Cohuna Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

Policy

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. Cohuna Secondary College expects that all student drivers will adhere to the conditions of their licence and the road rules and will drive in a safe and responsible manner. If the school becomes aware that a student driver has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified.

Students are not permitted to drive themselves to and from camps, excursions or other school activities unless previously arranged and agreed in consultation with the school Principal, and only in exceptional circumstances or in circumstances where all students are required to make their own way to the event. Consistent with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions, students are permitted to drive only one peer passenger (aged 16-22), unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. If a Cohuna Secondary College student, who is not a sibling, is to be driven by the licenced student driver then parent permission must be obtained and communicated (via note or email) to the college, prior to being driven.

Students are not permitted to use their car during the school day unless it is for an approved reason such as an unavoidable medical appointment. A certificate of attendance at the appointment is required. Parent/carer consent to attend appointments during the school day is required except in exceptional circumstances even though a student has turned 18 years of age.

If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified, and appropriate student sanctions will apply.

The same rules apply to those students who obtain a licence from NSW at 17 Years of age.

Cohuna Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student car parking area and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

Parking

Students may not park directly in front of the main frontage of the school. They are permitted to park at the end of the staff parking area in the section opposite the school oval.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Year 12 Coordinator to explain this policy and hand out a copy to students with the 'Car form'.

- **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

The Department's teaching and learning resource:

- [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2024
Consultation	Consultation is not mandatory but is recommended. The policy is available on the college website. Year 12 students to receive a copy as they fill out their 'car permission' form.
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	January 2027