

Rationale

Gisborne Secondary College is aware that a number of senior school students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. It is important that all members of the school community are aware of the school policy on this matter.

It is the policy of this school to control the use of cars and motor bikes by students during school hours (8.40 a.m. till 3.25 p.m.) We believe that we act for safety reasons and with the full support of parents in controlling the use of motor vehicles. Accordingly we seek parent support in the following requirements.

Implementation

1. Any student with a driver's licence may drive a vehicle to and from school provided the appropriate form outlining parental **consent has been received** by the Principal, lodged at the VCE office. The consent is valid for 12 months from March 1st each year.

Students driving to school are required to also complete a Student Permission to Drive Form, available from the VCE office. This includes the following information:-

- a copy of their licence
- Car make and registration details must be recorded with the Senior School Leader
- Nominated days the car will be at school

2. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to GSC traffic management plans.

3. Students may park in Willowbank Road or outside the school grounds. Parking permissions will change depending on building programmes etc.

4. Student's vehicles may not be used for any purpose other than drive TO AND FROM SCHOOL. Vehicles may not be used for driving to any organised activity during school hours, such as excursions or Rec. Activities. If the student must use the car during school hours for a private reason, a note of parental consent on the day will be required.

5. Students, even siblings, are not permitted to ride as passengers in a motor vehicle unless the appropriate form outlining parental consent **has been received** by the Principal.

The consent will be valid for the period nominated, and/or only the particular driver(s) nominated. It is our practice to advise parents, should we learn of any breach of the above requirements.

6. Permission to drive a car to school may be revoked by the Principal or Senior School Leader if they believe students have been or are likely to behave in an unsafe/irresponsible manner.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review
- This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2012