



MOUNT ERIN BOARDING

STUDENT DRIVING

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1 Student Driving Policy, Procedure and Application

Driving a car is an inherently dangerous activity. The research and statistics indicate that young people are very much over represented in serious motor vehicle accidents and fatalities. The risks for driving and traveling in a vehicle are often underrated. Tragically each year, some schools have students involved in very serious accidents involving student drivers, particularly if inexperience and youthful exuberance combined with passengers in vehicles driven by only recently licensed drivers results in serious misjudgement.

Senior Boarding students (This applies to Year 12 students in their final year of school and Year 11 students from Term 4 when they begin their HSC studies - Year 11 students can begin to drive to MEBS once the Year 12's have completed their final examinations.) have the privilege of requesting the use of a car for the purpose of driving to Mount Erin Boarding, from their registered home address to Mount Erin and driving from Mount Erin to their registered home address.

Policy: Motor Vehicle Use in Boarding

Purpose

The intention of this motor vehicle use policy is to provide a privilege for Senior students to enable some flexibility, time efficiency and safety in their transport during their final year at school.

It is not the intent of this policy to facilitate an increase in activity that is incidental and distracting to students, but rather to enable purposeful and productive activity.

Requirements

Senior students wishing to be permitted to drive a motor vehicle and/ or have a vehicle accessible to them whilst in Boarding, must submit a signed Application which includes Parent/Carer/Guardian permission to the Head of Boarding on the Application Form attached. **A car must not be brought onto the property without approval being granted in the first place.**

The Senior student applicant must hold a current, appropriate Drivers Licence to apply for permission. A photocopy is required for Boarding records..

Any vehicle used by a Senior Boarding student must be roadworthy, registered and insured.

Motorcycles are not permitted to be ridden by Boarding students whilst in Boarding.

2 Ownership / Retention and Parking of vehicles

Boarding students cannot have a vehicle parked elsewhere/off campus
Vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area on campus for Boarding Student cars. A particular parking spot may be allocated to each driver.

Parents and students must be aware that they retain sole responsibility for motor vehicles parked in this area. They are not the responsibility of Mount Erin Boarding or the Colleges. Student cars cannot be left on campus over weekends.

Keys for vehicles must be handed to the Head of Boarding or designated boarding staff member on arrival and are to be locked away in the Boarding Office for issue as required. Students must not retain a second set of keys and if found to be in breach of this requirement will lose the privilege of driving. Vehicles may never be used to store substances/ materail/ objects that are prohibited at Mount Erin including alcohol, drugs and firearms.

Driving Vehicles

Students may be permitted to drive vehicles on Approved Leave and only when the Leave approved on REACH specifies that they will be driving their own vehicle. This leave must be approved by a parent/carer/guardian.

Driving a vehicle is not a College activity.

Parents are asked to ensure that the Boarding Office is notified of a change of vehicle.

Students driving are ***not permitted to carry passengers*** exceptions being, on approval by the Head of Boarding: A request from parents in writing (email) needs to be sent to the Head of Boarding for the following:

- Transporting siblings to school/ boarding
- Winter Terms (2 and 3) - if returning on Sunday evenings - a request can be made to the Head of Boarding to carry one other Boarder for Safety reasons.
- Passengers must provide parental consent via email to the Leader of Boarding, before travelling.

Students should not expect (and parents should not request) to use motor vehicles for incidental journeys that can be readily made by walking or by making use of Boarding Transportation.

MEBS transport is available via REACH for medical/ dental appointments between 3.30pm and 7.00pm Monday to Thursday and school events. If appointments occur during school time, a taxi can be booked and charged to accounts. MEBS transport if avilable for private arranged after school activities including gym, sports training and private tutoring attracts a charge. (see fees schedule)

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Withdrawal of Driving Privileges

The privilege of the use of a car by Senior Boarding students, can be withdrawn at any time if a student:

- Is not deemed to be honouring the expectations of this policy.
- Is observed to be driving in dangerously or without due care at any time.

General Principles for all Boarders

Permission

Mount Erin Boarding requires that parents request and give permission for their child to drive to and from Boarding.

Permission to drive to and from Boarding carries particular responsibility for Boarding staff - this differs from permission to drive to school for Day students

Mount Erin reviews each request on merits and does not automatically accept requests/ submitted permission forms.

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Application and Permission

Year 12 Mount Erin Boarding Student to Drive a Motor Vehicle

Application from Parent/ Carer

Student's Name: _____

Driver Licence Number: _____

Motor Vehicle Make/Model: _____

Registration: _____

Insurance Provider and Policy Number: _____

I/We give permission for my/our Son/ Daughter to drive the Motor Vehicle nominated above whilst in the care of Mount Erin Boarding and

I/We confirm that I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions related to Motor Vehicle Use for Year 12 Boarding Students detailed above.

Parent / Carer signature: 1. _____ 2. _____ Date: ___/___/___

Student Agreement

I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the policy and expectations related to Motor Vehicle Use for Year 12 Boarding Students detailed above. I agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions set out above and understand failure to do so will result in the privilege of driving being revoked.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Only:

Approved Not Approved Pending Revoked

Comments:

Head of Boarding Signature: _____

Date: _____