



## **Use of private motor vehicles by students**

### Travel to and from School

Students who are licensed drivers are free to drive to and from school. This is a matter for them, their parents and the owner of the vehicle.

The school and the Department are not responsible for drivers or passengers travelling to and from school or to activities not arranged by the school.

### Students Use of Private Vehicles on School Activities

The preferred method of conveying students on school activities is by hired buses or public transport.

It is recognised that on some activities, such as those involving only a small number of students, it may be appropriate to allow the use of private vehicles.

The practice of allowing students to use private motor vehicles to transport themselves or other students to certain venues is a significant concession and is a variance with normal procedures.

It follows, therefore, that if the practice is to be allowed it must be on conditions strictly supervised by the school.

The Principal can revoke the concession at any time. If the privilege is abused approval is to be withdrawn immediately.

Before any student is allowed to drive a private motor vehicle for the above purpose, the Principal must be satisfied that:

- a) that student is a licensed driver;
- b) written parental consent for the driver and passengers for the particular journey or series of journeys is held (a sample consent form is attached);
- c) the vehicle is:
  - \* currently registered
  - \* covered by current comprehensive and/or Third Party Property Insurance;
- d) the driver of the vehicle and passengers are sensible and responsible enough to justify the concession made to them; and
- e) the vehicle will not be carrying more passengers than are provided for by fitted seat belts.

Under no circumstances will any reimbursement be made to students who use their vehicles on school activities by either the Department or the school.



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It should be noted that drivers who use their cars for hire or reward may invalidate their insurance cover. Students should therefore be advised not to charge passengers a fare. Cost sharing arrangements are, however, generally acceptable but each driver should seek advice from his/her insurance company.

### 'Permission to Drive form'

#### GLEN INNES HIGH SCHOOL

#### *USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES BY STUDENTS ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES*

- Any use of motor vehicles by students on school activities is a rare concession that may be withdrawn at any stage by the Principal.
- Cars can be driven to or from school activities by students only with written parental consent.
- Student drivers are expected to conform to the road rules at all times and to ensure that no more passengers are carried than are provided for by fitted seat belts.
- No student may travel as a passenger in a car driven by another student to or from school activities without written parental consent.
- Students driving vehicles must hold a valid driver's licence.
- Vehicles being driven by students must have current registration and current comprehensive or third party property insurance.
- Student drivers should not charge passengers a fare since this may invalidate their insurance policies. If drivers wish to share costs with passengers, a check must be carried out with their insurance company to ensure such an arrangement will not invalidate their insurance policies.
- Students are to park according to signage located and if parking on the Edward Street side of the school, park from the end of the bus bay to the Cross Street intersection 45 degree angle parking. (Other rules relating to parking, visiting cars during school hours, etc., at discretion of Principal).



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### Driver consent

I hereby consent to my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) driving by  
car \_\_\_\_\_ (Rego No) to and from  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of activity)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (either one specific date or dates or general eg  
Wednesday afternoon).  
In accordance with the conditions set out.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger consent

I hereby consent to my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) travelling  
as a passenger in a car \_\_\_\_\_ (Reg No) driven by  
\_\_\_\_\_ (student Driver's name) to and from  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of activity) on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (either one specific date or dates or  
general, eg Wednesday afternoon) in accordance with the conditions set out.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_