

Use of Motor Vehicles (Student) Policy

Rationale

The privilege of driving a motor vehicle is subject to extensive preparation and rigorous examination. It is expected that Thomas Carr College students who have been licensed to drive will do so responsibly and with care. The aim of this policy is to ensure that lives and property are protected, while allowing students the use of vehicles to facilitate travel to and from the College when necessary.

Policy Guidelines

It is expected that the Thomas Carr College students who have gained a Victorian driver's licence are committed to safe, responsible and legal driving at all times. If driving a motor bike, it is expected that all correct safety attire be worn whilst riding to and from school, including helmet and leathers.

Parent/guardian written permission is required for a Victorian licensed student to drive to and from the College (refer to the Student Driver's Contract). The driver may travel to and from the College only. Use of the vehicle is not permitted during the day.

Students **are not** to use their own vehicle to attend College excursions or College events such as College Carnivals. On these days, students will use the transport provided by the College.

Student passengers may be transported, in a car, to and from the College **only** with the prior written permission of the passengers' parents/guardians and the driver's parents/guardians. As per the VicRoads guidelines, a red P plate driver (**P1**) under the age of 21, is not permitted to transport more than 1 passenger aged between 16 and 21, at any given time. Students riding motor cycles are not permitted to transport a student passenger to or from College.

A probationary (P1) driver is not allowed to carry more than one peer passenger when driving. The penalties for committing this offence will be three demerit points and a fine equal to three penalty units. (vicroads.com.vic.gov.au)

Note: for exemptions, see below

Due to limited parking spaces at the College, parking is permitted only for cars in the designated student car spaces. If allocated parking space is full, students are not permitted to park on college grounds in any other areas. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that the vehicle is parked legally and securely. Motor cycles are to be parked outside the College grounds.

Students must adhere to College guidelines and Victorian legislation regarding safe driving practices.

The Thomas Carr College Student Driver's Contract **must be** completed prior to any student commencing to drive to and from the College. All student drivers must be registered with the College.

Related Policies

Driveway & Car Park Safety
Driving Safety

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The content of this policy can be changed at the College Board's discretion at any time without notification.