

XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



STUDENT DRIVERS: PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Introduction

An increasing number of senior school students to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. While the licensing and policing of all drivers is rightfully the responsibility of Government, our priority of the pastoral care of students calls us to put in place procedures and guidelines to meet their needs.

COLLEGE POLICY

The following are excerpts from our College Policies have informed the development of these Guidelines:

Xavier Catholic College is committed to the provision of high quality, affordable, inclusive Catholic education through a responsible, accountable and equitable distribution of resources.

Strategic resourcing will align with our College's Mission and Vision. Decisions will be made via transparent planning and renewal processes that are appropriate and accountable and include input from all stakeholders. (Policy Statement – Strategic Resourcing. Xavier Catholic College Pastoral Board. 2013)

We will provide a comprehensive approach to staff well-being and pastoral care. We are committed to developing a safe, healthy and productive school environment for all. (Policy Statement – Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships. Xavier Catholic College Pastoral Board. 2013)

Gospel values should so illumine and enliven Catholic Education that the way of life in each school gives witness to Christ. This alone makes the school distinctively Catholic. Obviously, these Gospel values will impact on all decisions concerning the purposes, content, teaching/learning experiences, evaluation processes and structures which form elements of the curriculum in Catholic schools. The following values have had a major influence in assisting the community in the development of these guidelines.

Dignity: All persons are created equal and human dignity is inviolable. Our educational efforts should confirm the belief that everyone is unique, that individual distinctions enrich and enliven our world and that the individual has both rights and responsibilities.

Trust/Openness: We enhance personal self-concept by showing God's concern for each of us and by showing that adults also care for the community members. We need to recognise and reinforce growth, openness and personal accomplishments.

Respect/Tolerance: Respect is the basis of any relationship. Everyone – parents, pupils, and staff have a contribution to make. It is the job of the College to recognise this work in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance.

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1. As the College is not legally responsible for student's travel to and from the College, it is the parents/licensed drivers' responsibility for these arrangements. The College does not regulate student drivers and/or passengers travel to and from the College.
2. The College does not have enough space available for all student parking. Students are permitted to park their car in the double-parking bay adjacent the outdoor basketball courts. While our car parks appear to have vacant spaces during the middle of the day, the need for families with "Early Years" students to be able to park and escort children at the start and finish of the day is a priority. When all the student allocated spaces are full, students will need to park their cars in neighbouring streets. Students are not permitted to park on grassed areas.
3. As students are not permitted to leave the College grounds without permission, students are not to access their car during the school day without permission.
4. Licensed student drivers may be given permission by the College and with parental consent to drive to and/or returning to the College from College functions. However, under no circumstances can students, once at the College, transport other students in their cars when travelling to and from any College program or function.
5. Under current College procedures, senior students are provided "Access Days" where College attendance is optional. In addition, some students will have work experience/traineeships outside of the College program. In these situations, students are required to sign in/out of the College and arrangements are the same as students/passengers travelling to and from the College (see 1 above - the College does not regulate student drivers and/or passengers travel to and from the College)
6. Poor behaviour on the road that impacts on the good standing of Xavier within the community. Therefore: it is expected that students will drive to and from the College in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to road rules. The College will promote notification to the police of drivers who break road rules or drive in an unsafe or irresponsible manner.
7. If these requirements (2 – 6) are disregarded, parents will be notified, and appropriate student sanctions as outlined in the College Behaviour Support procedures.
8. The College will promote safe travel practices through the College Newsletter and Pastoral Care Programs.