Students Driving to and from School Policy

Rationale
Brisbane Catholic Education has a very clear policy (Administrative Handbook, November 2003 Item 214.4) in relation to students driving to school and instructs Colleges to have clear guidelines on students driving to/from school, school events and parking motor vehicles which take into account legal requirements and particular circumstances of the school. These guidelines are required to be published to both parents and students.

Guidelines
1. Students intending to drive to school must firstly seek permission from the Principal.
2. Parent/Guardian must contact the Principal either in person or in writing indicating their approval for their daughter to drive and/or for other siblings to be present in the vehicle.
3. Written communication from the parents of the driver and the passenger/s must be received if there is to be a situation when passengers are to be in a car driven by a student.
4. Student drivers are expected to follow all road rules and adhere to college conduct guidelines and expectations.
5. Student drivers must register by signing in on an information sheet which provides identification of: car owners; car registration number, make and model of vehicle; driver; passengers and parental permission to be a driver/passenger.
6. Students will not be permitted to go to their cars during the school day.
7. Students must park on public roads surrounding the College as no parking is available on college grounds for students or staff.
8. The College will arrange transport for school organised activities during regular school hours. Where necessary a hire bus or public transport will be made available to all students.
9. Outside of College hours it is the parents’ responsibility to arrange transport unless otherwise stated.
10. Transport arrangements will always be indicated on the activity or excursion letter and permission slip.

Our Lady’s College can in no way be responsible for students whose parents allow them to drive to school or to be passengers in cars driven by other students. Our Lady’s College accepts no liability for personal injury or damage to vehicles. Claims arising out of accident or injury in a private vehicle would be dependent upon the owner’s insurance and on the application of common law principles.

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Principal
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