



OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

ANNERLEY

Policy: Students Driving To And From School

Rationale

The safety and welfare of students and the community is of the highest priority for the community of Our Lady's College. This policy recognises that, regardless of the skill level of individuals, school activities and environments pose special challenges for the safety of inexperienced drivers and their passengers.

Guidelines

1. For learner drivers, parents/ guardians maintain the sole supervisory responsibility in all cases.
2. Parent/Guardians must contact the Principal in writing indicating their approval for their daughter to drive and, if necessary, for siblings to be present in the vehicle.
3. As it is a requirement of BCE for schools to keep a register of student drivers and passengers, student drivers must provide the following information to the College office: photocopy of driver's licence; any listed passengers (with documented parental permission of both sets of parents / guardians)
4. Students must not drive to excursions, sporting events, camps, retreats or other offsite activities where the College provides student transport. On these occasions, students must use the provided College transport to the venue and return to school.
5. Student drivers are expected to follow all road rules and adhere to College conduct guidelines and expectations.
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.
8. On occasions where students are expected to "make their own way to, or home from, offsite events", permission to drive is extended at these times.
9. Transport arrangements will always be indicated on the activity or excursion permission slip to clarify expectation.

Our Lady's College does not have the capacity to supervise, and 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, people or property. 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. Our Lady's College strongly advises student drivers to complete an accredited defensive driving course.