



**ST DOMINIC'S
PRIORY COLLEGE**




EDUCATING GIRLS, INSPIRING CONFIDENCE

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STUDENT DRIVER POLICY

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We acknowledge St Dominic's Priory College is situated on Kaurna Land and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



PREFACE

MISSION

A Catholic College educating girls in the Dominican tradition.

VISION

Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are a girls' College committed to truth and compassion. In the spirit of St Dominic, we contemplate the possibilities and honour the sacred dignity of each person through word and action. We aspire to provide an innovative, rigorous and inclusive education that leads girls and young women to achieve excellence in their studies and confidence in their future.

VALUES

As a Dominican community we value:

- A sense of the sacred; joyful, eucharistic and reflective.
- A love of learning through creative and critical thinking.
- Modelling a Eucharistic community as the basis for transformation.
- Teaching the truth, by word and example.

Further information about the College's principles and objectives can be found within the [2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan](#).

GOVERNANCE

Dominican Education Australia (DEA) is the governing authority of St Dominic's Priory College, an independent Catholic School. A Board of Directors, established in 1987, governs the College which is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cwlth)*. The Trustees of DEA and the College Board of Directors assures our Catholicity, fidelity to the Dominican charism, formation of Board members, excellence in teaching and learning and financial stability.

For more information about DEA visit: <https://dominicaneducationaustralia.com/>

CHILD SAFE

We are a Child Safe employer and are committed to the welfare and protection of children and young people. The College is committed to upholding a diverse and inclusive learning environment, ensuring children and young people are valued and respected. In accordance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, all employees are required to comply with the College's relevant policies and procedures.

To read the College's **Safeguarding Commitment Statement** in full, and access *College Policies, Procedures* and other resources, please [click here](#).



1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This policy applies to all students in Year 11 or 12 who hold a valid South Australian license and intend to drive to College-related activities, either on a regular basis or occasionally. It aims to promote safety and extends to all school activities, including curriculum extension activities, out of normal school hours official school functions and includes travelling to and from school. It is supported by parents/guardians and staff working within or for St Dominic's Priory College ('the College').

2. RATIONALE

- 2.1 The safety of student drivers and their passengers is of significant importance to St Dominic's College.
- 2.2 The College acknowledges the need for some senior students to drive to or from College related activities from time to time.
- 2.3 St Dominic's aims to educate and support students to become informed, safe, respectful and responsible citizens and drivers.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 STUDENT DRIVER

A student driver is any student who holds a valid South Australian driver's license.

3.2 SCHOOL GROUNDS

School grounds includes all areas of the school property and extends to school excursions, sports carnivals and other events off the school site, where an approved school activity takes place.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- 4.1 The College will closely monitor student drivers and passengers, to minimise potential risk of injury or incident related to student drivers and passengers and to maximise adherence to the South Australian Road rules/laws.
- 4.2 Any student who holds a valid South Australian license, and who intends to drive to college related activities, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with this policy and complete the Driving to School Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form as required.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
- 5.2 Student licence details and car make/model and licence plate number must be recorded with the College.
- 5.3 It is the responsibility of the student driver and passengers to adhere to the laws surrounding probationary licences,
- 5.4 Students are expected to adhere to the following parking conditions:
 - 5.4a Students are not permitted to drive on or park on school grounds within the school week. Any students using their vehicle to travel to and from the College must park legally outside the school grounds.
 - 5.4b Students must obey the road rules in relation to parking and be mindful of local residents and pedestrians.
 - 5.4c Students are not permitted to leave school grounds to move their vehicle during lessons or break times. When parking in a timed zone, students must ensure that the provided time aligns with official school hours.
 - 5.4d The College will not be held liable for any parking or traffic infringement a student driver may receive from the Adelaide City Council, or South Australian Police.
- 5.5 There is no responsibility taken by the College for any damage to a motor vehicle.
- 5.6 Students are permitted to drive to any VET/TAFE, university course, sporting competition or special musical performance where transport is not provided by the College, with the permission of their parent/guardian. No other students are to travel in the vehicle with a student driver without written permission from the driver's parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian.
- 5.7 Students are not permitted to drive to retreats, camps, or excursions where transport is provided by the College. If there are exceptional circumstances requiring a student to drive to such an activity, the Year Level Coordinator in charge must seek initial approval from the Deputy Principal. Following this, written approval must be sought from the student's parent/guardian and, if relevant, any passenger's parent/guardian.
- 5.8 Parents are required to notify the College if their daughter will be the passenger of another St Dominic's Priory College student when travelling to any College-related events or activities.
- 5.9 Approval to drive must be obtained by completing the Driving to School Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the Driving to School Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form prior to the student driving or carrying other students as passengers on each occasion/relevant period the student intends to drive to or from any College related event or activity.
- 5.10 Students are only permitted to drive or travel in cars identified on the Driving to School Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.



- 5.11 The Year 12 Coordinator will ensure all forms are uploaded to the students SEQTA which includes a list of passengers (where relevant). A copy of registered student drivers and passengers will be made available to College staff.
- 5.12 Appropriate consequences will apply where students do not meet obligations. The Deputy Principal, in conjunction with the student's parent/guardian, will determine the outcome of a breach of policy.
- 5.13 Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

6. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND RESOURCES

6.1 The policies, codes and procedures listed below complement and support St Dominic's Priory College's Student Driver Policy:

- Student Expectations & Procedures
- Bullying and Harassment Prevention Policy
- Wellbeing Policy
- St Dominic's Priory College Safeguarding Children and Young People Suite:
 - Safeguarding Children and Young People Commitment Statement
 - Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
 - Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct
 - Safeguarding Children Young People Terms of Reference
- Child & Young Person Safe Environments Policy

7. REVISION RECORD

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