



# JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

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## AUTHORISATION TO BRING A MOTOR VEHICLE TO SCHOOL

Name of Student			Year level	
Licence	Restricted		Full	
Expiry				
Make			Model	
Colour			Registration	
Passengers			Number	
Defensive driving course completed	Yes		No	

Students and parents are advised that the school allows students to drive vehicles to and from school provided that they comply with national laws, e.g. students with restricted licences MAY NOT convey passengers. As a precaution, students holding restricted licenses are expected to hand the keys to their cars in at the office upon arrival at school and retrieve them at the end on the school day. Students with full licenses who wish to convey passengers in their cars must have both theirs and their passenger's parents consent. Any students found to be conveying passengers without authorisation or who fail to hand in keys to the school office will no longer have the support of the school regarding the use of their vehicles.

## AUTHORISATION FOR CONVEYING PASSENGERS IN STUDENTS CARS

Names of Passengers

1	2
3	4
5	6

As the Parent/Guardian/Caregiver of the student named above please sign below:

1. I GIVE CONSENT for my son/daughter to drive a motor vehicle to school
2. I GIVE CONSENT for my son/daughter to convey those passengers whose names appear above and who have THEIR parent's consent; acknowledging my child's legal status to do so.
3. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED ON THE SHEET ENTITLED Students Driving Motor Vehicles to and from school – see over on page 2.

## **STUDENTS DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

The number of secondary school students driving motor vehicles to and from school has increased in recent times and combined with a lack of co-operation in some cases, is causing concern for schools.

### **LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Owing to the grey area of legal responsibility for the protection of students between home and school, we do not wish to impose any restrictions on students bringing motor vehicles to school which may lead to the impression that we wish to assume an in loco parentis role during this time. However, it is in our interests to know that any student who drives a vehicle to school does so with the approval of their parents and so we request that you fill out the form enclosed with this letter prior to a vehicle arriving at school.

### **CONVEYING PASSENGERS**

Where the conveying of passengers is concerned, on the other hand, the laws relating to the school are anything but grey. We cannot authorise any student to convey other students as passengers in their vehicles. Many student drivers hold restricted licences and by law they may not convey passengers other than those who hold a full licence. Unfortunately, we have observed this on a number of occasions in the past and as a consequence we have had to take action against the students involved. If a student holds a full licence and wishes to convey other students, then we request written authorisation from both the parents of the driver and the parents of the passenger.

A driver with a restricted licence may not convey a passenger who holds a full licence, unless that passenger has held the full licence for two years. If the full licence holder has held that status for the two years minimum, then they may assume the position of a "supervisor" and thus be conveyed legally by the driver holding the restricted licence.

### **LEGAL OBLIGATIONS**

It is extremely difficult for the school to monitor the activities of individual students who are determined to break school rules, especially those relating to the use of vehicles during school times. When student drivers are determined, they often go unnoticed. If a driver is observed to be carrying passengers illegally, who are also students at this school, then they will be informed that any future occurrence will result in the notification to the police of their actions and they will be issued with a detention by the teacher who observed the offence. Passengers will receive detentions also. However, if they are caught repeatedly, a meeting is requested with the parents of those students concerned to discuss the continued use of the vehicle.

### **This school will accept no responsibility for the following:**

1. Any damage caused to any motor vehicle or its contents while in transit to or from school or while parked near the school during the day.
2. Any injury sustained by an authorised driver, authorised passenger or unauthorised drivers and passengers, as a consequence of an accident while in transit to or from school or during any trip made during school time where the option of using the vehicle was taken by the individual student.
3. The loss of the car through conversion while parked at school or elsewhere during the school day.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_