PERMISSION TO DRIVE TO AND FROM SCHOOL

POLICY

PURPOSE
McAuley Catholic College aims to provide an environment in which all students are safe. A number of students in Years 11 and 12 drive vehicles to school. The College must fulfil its duty of care in relation to student safety.

PROCEDURE
Students who have the approval of their parents/caregivers to drive a vehicle to school will:
• provide the College with a completed ‘Permission to Drive to and from School Application’ form which has been signed by the student and their parents/caregivers. A copy of the student’s Driver’s Licence must be attached to this form.
• not access or drive their vehicle during school hours
• not drive their vehicle to or from official College activities, sporting competitions, excursions etc, unless specific permission is gained from the Principal for exceptional circumstances.
• not carry other students in their vehicle, unless the College has been notified in writing by the parents of all students concerned (drivers and passengers).

The College does not support or condone the practice of students travelling in other students’ cars, however, should parents of the driver approve of this, they must:
• provide in writing on the ‘Permission to Drive to and from School Application’ form, the names of any student (including siblings) travelling in a car driven by their son/daughter.

If parents wish their son/daughter to travel to and from school as a passenger (including siblings) in a car driven by another student, they must
• provide in writing on the ‘Permission to Drive to and from School Application’ form, the name(s) of any student drivers to whom they give permission to drive their son/daughter to school.

Where an exemption to any term in this policy is sought it may be granted only by the College Principal. At all times, though, the regulation forbidding the transport of other students remains unless specific permission is obtained as outlined within the ‘Permission to Drive to and from School Application’ form. Student drivers failing to abide by these rules will have the permission revoked for an appropriate length of time.

RELATED LEGISLATION
Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999