



ROCKHAMPTON GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Student Drivers Policy

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School is implementing this policy to maximise safety for students in their first year of licensed driving.

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all students who are licensed to drive a vehicle whether they are boarders or day students.

Responsibility

Principal

Point of Contact

Director of Student Wellbeing (day students) or the Director of Boarding (boarders)

Definitions

A licensed driver will have received their driving license by passing government approved programs and tests. The age of the newly licensed student driver is irrelevant to this policy.

POLICY

The policy of Rockhampton Girls Grammar School is to take a proactive approach to student safety.

The school bases this policy on the findings of the Monash University Accident Research Centre in their publication Going Solo which examined P Plate drivers and safety (2007), namely that:

- P-plate drivers are more likely to have a crash than L-plate drivers;
- P-plate drivers are more likely to be involved in a fatal crash at night due to inexperience and reduced visibility;
- The risk of P-plate drivers having fatal accidents increases proportionally to the number of passengers aged 16-23 travelling in the car
- The risk of P-plate drivers having a crash decreases over the first 6 to 12 months.

PROCEDURE

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School considers that driving in the first year of license poses a risk to student safety. In addition to adhering to the law, students who obtain their license while at RGGGS (and her parents/guardians) will agree that:

- In her first three months of licensed driving your daughter will only drive between 6.00am and 10.00pm* and will not travel with more than one passenger aged between 16 and 23 who is not a family member.
*These conditions do not apply if the licensed student's parent or guardian is also in the vehicle.
**The P-plate driver, with permission, is able to drive outside the times indicated if it is for work, religious, educational or sporting purposes.
- Licensed drivers will not use their cars during the School day (8.20-3.00) other than to attend educational facilities and with School permission.
- Day students will hand their keys in to Reception during each School day
- Boarders will hand their keys in to the Dorm mistress whenever they are not driving
- No Boarder will drive at any time without permission while in the care of the School
- No student will travel in a car driven by an RGGGS student without permission



School and Staff Responsibilities

Student safety is paramount and staff will report any breaches of this agreement.

The School will enforce this agreement by enforcing consequences in instances where the agreement is breached.

POLICY RELEASE DETAILS

Date of Policy	September 2011
Reviewed by	RGGS Executive
Review Date	Biennially
Access	Public Availability – RGGS Website

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

'Going Solo - A resource for parents of P-plate drivers' Monash University Accident Research Centre 2007
RGGS Student/Parent Handbook
RGGS Driving to School Form (Appendix A)



APPENDIX A

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School

DRIVING TO SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME YEAR CARE GROUP.....

DRIVER LICENCE NUMBER:.....

MAKE, MODEL, YEAR, COLOUR:.....

REGISTRATION NUMBER:.....

- I agree that in my first three months of licensed driving I will not transport more than one passenger of similar age (16-20) who is not an immediate member of my family.
- I am aware that I should not carry students as passengers in this vehicle unless the school has a permission form completed and signed by my parent and a parent of the student(s) who will be travelling with me.
- Day students must lodge car keys with Student Services.
Boarding students must lodge car keys with boarding staff.
- Day students must park cars on Denham or Agnes Street.
Boarding students may park cars behind Kollar House on the grass.
- Cars may not be driven during school days without permission.

STUDENT TO SIGN.....

DATE.....

I am aware that my daughter
Will be driving the above nominated vehicle to school and support the School's guidelines in relation to driving.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO SIGN:.....

DATE:.....

See over page for more details.



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P-PLATE STUDENT DRIVER

I give permission for my daughter
 (Name of Driver)

to transport any of the following students

Passenger Name	Driver signature and contact details	Parent/Guardian signature and contact details	Passenger signature and contact details	Parent/Guardian signature and contact details

In the first three months of licensed driving only one passenger aged 16-20 (who is not an immediate relative) will be allowed to travel.

Signatures of the parents/guardians of both the driver and passengers are required to be submitted before students will be permitted to travel in cars with P-plate drivers.

Email notification is not sufficient. This form may be faxed to Student Services on 07 49224809.