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## **Re Students Driving to and parking at school**

Dear Parents and Senior Students,

As a school which values a positive partnership with parents and places a high priority on student safety and well-being, we have recently reviewed our procedures in relation to students driving themselves, and others, to or from school. We want to be sure that parents of both drivers and passengers are comfortable with travel arrangements. Another aim of these changes is to reinforce the great responsibility associated with transporting others in a motor vehicle, which can be overlooked due to the impact of peer pressure when spontaneous decisions are made and bypass the appropriate communication processes.

Our new forms are set out as follows:

**Form A** – requires the driver to commit to driving to school and using the school car park as a responsible young driver and confirms that this arrangement has parental support. This form also gives parents the opportunity to identify the driver's siblings as approved passengers.

**Form B** – allows parents of both the passenger and driver to communicate with the School their agreement to their child being either the driver or passenger in the proposed travel arrangement. While the process of having both parties sign the same piece of paper may take time, we believe this gives the opportunity for such decisions to be well considered and supports the level of responsibility required when young people travel together. Should a driver seek to transport more than one passenger who is not a sibling, a separate Form B is required.

Parents are able to limit their consent only to Form A. Student drivers and passengers are expected to carefully read and to fulfil the obligations they have committed to by signing the forms.

These forms should be lodged with the School Front Office, where Form B will be attached to the relevant Form A and a log will be kept of the process.

NB. While it may appear to be late in the year for our current Year 12 students to undergo this change, we have found that the end of the year is often the time when risks are greater due to the changes that are occurring for departing students.

If you have any questions, or feedback about these procedures, please contact me through the School Front Office.

Yours in Christ,

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(On behalf of the WHS Team)