



STUDENT DRIVING / RIDE TO SCHOOL POLICY

Purpose

This policy outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and conditions under which students may drive or ride a licensed vehicle to school. It aims to promote student safety, reduce risks associated with student transport, and ensure compliance with Department of Education and Western Australian road safety regulations.

Policy Statement

Harvey Senior High School recognises that some senior students may wish to drive or ride to school. Driving is a privilege, not a right, and is contingent upon students and parents/guardians agreeing to the conditions set out in this policy. Failure to comply will result in withdrawal of driving privileges.

Conditions of Approval

Students who wish to drive or ride a licensed vehicle to school must:

1. Permission & Documentation

- Submit a completed Request to Drive / Ride to School form, signed by both student and parent/guardian.
- Provide a copy of their current driver's licence to the school.
- Provide vehicle details (make, model, registration, colour).

2. Parking

- Park only in designated student parking areas as directed by school administration.
- Display any school-issued parking permits

3. Use of Vehicle

- Students may not use vehicles during the school day unless officially signed out with parent/guardian and school approval.
- Keys must remain secured with the student (or front office, if requested).

4. Passenger Policy

- Passengers are only permitted if prior written permission has been provided by parents/guardians of both the driver and the passenger. (In line with WA road laws of one passenger / vehicle)
- Only registered passengers may travel with the student driver to and from school.

5. Behaviour & Safety

- Students who lose Good Standing, as per the Harvey Senior High School Good Standing Policy, will automatically forfeit the privilege of driving or riding a vehicle to school until their Good Standing is reinstated.
- Students must drive safely and responsibly at all times, in accordance with WA road laws and school expectations i.e. 10KM/H speed limit.
- Students are only, permitted to enter and leave the school grounds via the front access road (off Weir Road).
- Unsafe driving, reckless behaviour, or causing disruption on school grounds or in the community (when identifiable as a HSHS student) will result in immediate withdrawal of driving privileges.

6. Compliance & Consequences

- Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including loss of Good Standing, loss of parking privileges and referral to parents/guardians.
- Serious or repeated breaches may be reported to WA Police.
- All completed paperwork must be lodged and approved by the school before the driving / riding privilege can commence.

Parent / Carer Role

Parents/carers must:

- Provide written consent for their child to drive or ride to school, as per the attached permission slip.
- Indicate approval for specific passengers (if relevant).
- Support the school in enforcing compliance with this policy.

Additional Provisions

- Students may not loiter in vehicles or the car park before, during, or after school.
- Students may not transport themselves or others for non-school related activities during school hours without express permission.
- Vehicles / Bikes are brought to school at the student's and family's own risk. The school accepts no liability for theft, damage, or accidents.

Implementation & Review

- Applications must be lodged with the relevant Deputy Principal.
- Approvals are valid for one school year and must be renewed annually.
- This policy will be reviewed annually, in consultation with staff, students, and parents, to ensure alignment with Department of Education requirements and road safety legislation.
- All parking privileges at Harvey SHS remain at the discretion of the Principal, who reserves the right to override and nullify any written agreement, with immediate effect, should it be deemed necessary.

Appendix 1: Student Driving / Riding to School – Permission Form

Student Details

Student Name:	
Year Group:	
Vehicle Make / Model:	
Registration Plate:	
Vehicle Colour:	

Student Agreement

I have read and understood the Harvey Senior High School Student Driving to School Policy.

I agree to:

- Drive safely and responsibly, following WA road laws and school expectations.
- Park only in designated student areas and not use my vehicle during school hours without approval.
- Carry only registered passengers with written permission.
- Understand that if I lose Good Standing, I will automatically lose the privilege of driving/riding to school until reinstated.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Consent

I give permission for my child to drive/ride to school and support the conditions listed in the policy. I understand that this privilege may be withdrawn if my child breaches the policy or loses Good Standing.

Passenger Approval (if applicable):

1.
2.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____