Junior School
Private Motor Vehicle
Use Policy

2011
Employees at St John’s Grammar must ensure that students are suitably restrained when travelling in an employee’s private vehicle. The driver must possess a full South Australian licence and have a blood alcohol level of 0.

Approved child restraints

From 1 July 2010, drivers must ensure children are secured in the following restraints when travelling in a motor vehicle.

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<th>Up to six months</th>
<th>Six months to four years</th>
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<th>Seven years and older</th>
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<td>Rearward-facing infant restraint.</td>
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<td>Forward facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness.</td>
<td>Move the child to a seatbelt only when they are tall enough for it to fit properly - ie around 140 cm tall.</td>
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<td>Forward-facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness.</td>
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<td>Booster seat and be restrained with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt or child safety harness.</td>
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Approved child restraints must comply with Australian Standard (AS) 1754.

If a child is too tall or heavy for the restraint specified for their age they should use the restraint specified for the next age group. If a child is also too small to move into the restraint approved for their age they should remain in the restraint specified for the previous age group.

Exemptions

Bus drivers will continue to be exempt from ensuring passengers under 16 years of age are restrained.

Under the Australian Road Rules, a bus is defined as a motor vehicle designed to carry over 12 adults (including the driver). If a vehicle is designed to carry 12 adults or less (including the driver) it is not a bus and the driver is not exempt from ensuring all passengers are appropriately restrained.

Permission

Written permission must be gained from the parent prior to the student travelling in the employee’s private car. (See examples Appendix 1)

Verbal permission directly from the parent to the employee is acceptable in extraordinary circumstances.
Appendix 1

Authorisation for Transport in a Private Vehicle – Early Learning Centre

I give permission for my child ..........................................................

to be transported between the St John’s Grammar School Kindy Care Cottage and the Early Learning Centre in a private car, when deemed appropriate due to weather conditions.

Signed ...........................................
Parent/Guardian

Date ..............................................

Special circumstances

☐ I will supply an approved car seat for my child

☐ Other ..........................................................

Please complete this consent form and return to the Kindy Care Cottage or the Early Learning Centre as soon as possible, if applicable.

Success, wisdom, balance
I give permission for my son/daughter……………………………………... to
travel in a car driven by a parent for excursion to ………………………………

I am aware that all children will wear seat belts and/or approved child restraints suited to their
age and insurance details have been checked.

Signed: ……………………………………………… (Parent /Guardian)

Please print name: ……………………………………………………………

Dated: ………………………
Dear Parent / Guardian

Thank you for offering to transport other students in your car. Please sign and return this form as proof of your acceptance of the following conditions.

- You hold a current driver’s licence
- The car you will be driving is registered
- The car you will be driving is covered by one of the following insurances:
  - Third-party property
  - Comprehensive
- Seat belts and/or approved child restraints suited to the passenger’s age will be used by all passengers in accordance with the Law.

Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Signed: ……………………………… Date: ………………………