



TRANSPORT AND PARKING

INTENT

Student safety is always of paramount importance – and this document covers all modes of transport (bus, bicycles, car, and motorcycles) as well as parking. The conduct of students while in uniform is a reflection on the school so it is imperative that general good manners and road rules are observed by students either walking to and from school or using public or private transport.

SUMMARY

BUSES

Students are expected to maintain the highest behavioural standards on school buses and public transport. They must obey lawful instructions given by drivers in charge of buses. Unsatisfactory behaviour while on public transport may result in the bus company's refusal to carry a student.

A free bus pass can be applied for through Translink for those students who satisfy both of the following conditions:

The **nearest** high school is **more** than 4.8 km from their residence.

The students attend the high school nearest to their residence.

For bus services, telephone

Surfside on 5571 6555 for school enquiries or **131 230** for local enquiries

Springbrook Buses on 5533 5133

BICYCLES

Students using bicycles as a mode of transport to, from and during school will be expected to abide by general road rules as well as traffic regulations regarding the wearing of helmets. Provision is made at the school for the proper safe keeping of bicycles, which are left in the bicycle racks in the designated areas. To observe the safety of all, students must not ride their bicycles in the school grounds at any time. During the school day the bicycle racks are out-of-bounds to all students.

PARKING

Student vehicles must be parked outside the school grounds. Parents should use the streets outside the school for dropping off and picking up students. The bus bay is to be kept free of vehicular traffic.

Parking on site is a privilege given to staff and visitors, with safety of all personnel being the primary focus. Visitor parking bays are provided adjacent to the Administration Block. Permission to park on the school grounds is given on the understanding that **all pedestrians are to be given right of way at all times.**

Workplace Health and Safety Regulations prohibit the parking of vehicles within five metres of a building outside the designated parking areas. All vehicles must always be parked in designated and signed areas.



USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLE

The following requirements are to be met by students driving to and from school:

- All students wishing to drive a private vehicle to and from school must hold a current Drivers Licence, and adhere to the Queensland Government, Department of Transport and Main Roads road rules and any licencing classes or conditions held by the licence holder.
- Students must complete a Student Use Of Private Vehicle form. This information will be used if the school is required to identify the driver of a vehicle within the vicinity of the school grounds.
- Students are not to use their vehicle to travel to and from sport or other school activities unless prior written permission has been provided by the school.
- Student vehicles are not to be driven in the school grounds.
- Students cannot use their vehicle as a meeting place during the school day.
- The school accepts no responsibility for a student's vehicle or property stored in it.



Student Use Of Private Vehicle Form

Name of Student Driver / Licence Holder: _____

Student EQ ID: _____

Driver Licence Number: _____

Car Make: _____

Car Model / Type: _____

Car Registration Number: _____

I _____ (Students Name) understand that as a licenced driver, I agree to the Merrimac State High School Use of Private Vehicle Policy.

Student Signature

Date

I _____ (Parent/Guardian Name) give my student whose name appears above, permission to drive to/from school. I agree to provide written confirmation of any changes to the above information when necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

This completed form must be provided to the school Administration Office.