

TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Intent

Student safety is always of paramount importance – and this document covers all modes of transport (bus, bicycles, car, 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.

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. Bicycles are to be locked and stored in a secure area during the school day.

Private Vehicles

If a senior student wishes to drive a private vehicle to school, he/she must hold a current open Driver's Licence, obey all traffic regulations and register the car's details with the school office.

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.

Full details of the Policy can be found on the school's website:

www.merrimacshs.eq.edu.au

Policy

Buses

The Department of Education provides a free bus pass to 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

Private Vehicles

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

- Students must hold a full open licence. Students with a Learner's Permit must be accompanied by a parent or a registered driving instructor.
- Students agree not to drive other students (family excepted) to and from school.

- Students agree to record the registration number, make and type of car with the office staff.
- Students agree not to use their vehicle to travel to and from sport and other school activities unless prior permission has been received by the school administration.
- Student vehicles are not to be driven in the school grounds. Third party insurance may not cover drivers on private property.
- Students do not use their vehicle (for transport or as a meeting place) during the school day.
- Students understand that the school accepts no responsibility for a student's vehicle or property stored in it.

Parking

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

Students must always park outside the school grounds. They do not have permission to visit their cars during the school day.

Workplace Health and Safety Regulations prohibit the parking of vehicles within five metres of a building outside the designated parking areas. Staff should be vigilant in ensuring that they do not inadvertently disregard this regulation when electing to park inside the school grounds but away from the designated parking areas.

Procedure

Buses

Unsatisfactory behaviour while on public transport may result in the bus company's refusal to carry a student.

Bicycles

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 day the bicycle racks are out-of-bounds to all students.

Private Vehicles

Students must park their cars outside the school grounds and are not permitted to carry other students. Student cars are not to be used for school activities (eg sport, excursions).

Students and Parents/Guardians must sign an acceptance of the regulations (see below).

Students are not permitted to ride **skateboards** or **scooters** on school grounds. If this occurs, the student must be referred to the relevant Deputy Principal immediately. The skateboard or scooter may be confiscated.

Student Transport Policy
Part A – Parent/Guardian Agreement

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Original at:
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(Please print)

Student Name: _____

Phoenix Class: _____ **ID#:** _____

Car Make: _____

Type: _____

Car Registration Number: _____

Licence #: _____

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian's Name) give my son/daughter whose name appears above, permission to drive to and from school when necessary. I understand that my son/daughter is not to carry passengers other than those siblings listed below:

Brother/Sister: _____ **Form Class:** _____ **ID#:** _____

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I understand that upon giving my son/daughter permission to drive to and from the school, he/she must comply with the conditions set out in **Part B – Student Agreement**, of this application.

(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

(Parent/Guardian's Name)

Date: _____

Student Transport Policy Part B – Student Agreement

(Please print)

I,

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_____ (Student's Name)
understand that as a driver, I agree to submit to the following conditions when driving to and from Merrimac State High School.

- I am a holder of an Open Licence.
- Driving must at all times be undertaken with caution and maturity.
- No friends will be driven to and from the school.
- Siblings are only to be driven to and from school, if written permission has been granted by parents/guardian. (See Part A – Parent/Guardian's Agreement)
- Vehicles are to be parked outside the school grounds.
- Vehicles are not to be driven within the school grounds.
- Students are not to be in/at their vehicles during the school day.
- Students are only to drive to and from school at the start and end of the school day and not to use vehicles as a meeting place during the day.
- The vehicle is not to be driven to sporting events or excursions where transport has been organised by the school.
- The vehicle being driven is roadworthy and registered.
- The vehicle being driven is the one identified on Part A – Parent/Guardian's Agreement.
- The school accepts no responsibility for the vehicle or property stored within same whilst parked during school hours.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____