

*Last update: 29 January 2025*

Responsibility of: Darwin High School Principal
Target Audience: DHS students, parents, staff

Effective Date: 4 December 2024
Next Review Date: December 2026

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Darwin High School will take reasonable steps to ensure that students driving and parking on school grounds do so in a manner that maximises their safety and that of others on site. Any students of legal driving age with a current Northern Territory Driver's Licence who intend to drive to school (regular or occasional basis) must comply with this policy.

The use of vehicles on school grounds by students is a privilege. The principal reserves the right to remove these privileges at any time when safety is compromised. Other disciplinary measures may also be applied.

Students park their vehicles on school grounds at their own risk. The school is not responsible for damage or property loss.

Please note: Scooters are not permitted on school grounds. If students are found with a scooter their parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to collect.

2. RULES FOR USE OF STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

All students must adhere to the following rules:

2.1 Motor Vehicle and Driver Registration form

All students must complete the Motor Vehicle and Driver Registration form and return to the Front Office with a copy of their driver's licence. This information **must** be renewed on an annual basis and whenever the information in the form changes (e.g. change of vehicle, licence expiry date). It is the student's responsibility to review their details on an annual basis. Parking permits will only be issued once the form has been completed and returned.

2.2 Drive safely at all times

Students must comply with relevant road rules and driving regulations. Students will drive safely at all times and observe the displayed speed limits (20 kmph in the school grounds). Exit of the school grounds is via designated roads only – the bus lane is restricted to buses.

2.3 Parking

Students can only park in the designated parking areas for students. This does **not** include loading zones, staff carparks, visitor carparks, drop-off zones, driveways or the bus lane. Students can access their vehicle during recess, lunch and study lines but must not loiter in the car parks.

2.4 Passengers (Year 12 students only)

Year 12 students are only permitted to carry passengers if there is permission from the driver's parents. Permission can be given via the Motor Vehicle and Driver Registration form.

2.5 Leaving school grounds

Year 12 students are permitted to leave school grounds during lunch or study lessons. Students with permission to carry passengers can **only take other Year 12 students as passengers during the school day**. Year 12 students **must not** take Year 10 or 11 students in their cars with them during school hours.

3. NON-COMPLIANCE

Penalties for non-compliance will be in line with the DHS School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework and consequences may include warnings, parents being contacted, loss of driving and parking on school ground privileges and reporting concerns to police.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

All parts of this form MUST be completed

Student Name	
Contact number of student	
Registration Number	
Registered Owner	
Make/Model	
Colour	
Body Type <i>Please Circle</i>	Sedan Wagon Hatch Ute Van 4WD Motorbike
Licence Type <i>Please Circle</i>	Provisional Standard NT Interstate
Parent/Guardian Name/s: Or Independent Student Name:	

- ☐ We / I have read the Student Use of Motor Vehicles guidelines and agree to adhere to them. In the event of a change in vehicle or any other information, we / I agree to advise the school within one week of the change.

Parent/Guardian Name	Date
Signature	
Student Name	Date
Signature	

Please complete either A or B below:

Part A

- ☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child to carry passengers in the above vehicle

Part B

- ☐ I DO give permission for my child to carry passengers in the above vehicle. Please circle as appropriate

other students siblings only at start and end of day

Parent/Guardian Name	Date
Signature	