PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
RESPONSIBILITY INTEGRITY ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT DRIVERS – SCHOOL-ENDORSED ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to remind families of the NSW Department of Education's requirements for students who wish to drive themselves to school-endorsed activities, such as excursions, sporting events, or other approved off-site programs.

To ensure the safety of all students and compliance with Department policy, specific documentation and approvals must be in place before your child can drive to or from a school activity.

What is Required from Parents/Caregivers?
Prior to each activity, you must provide the school with a completed **Student as a Driver – Parent Consent form**. This form must be:

- signed by both the parent/caregiver and the student
- approved and signed by the Deputy Principal

The following must be provided to the office once per calendar year, prior to the student driving to any school endorsed activity. This information must be provided for each vehicle the student may drive.

- student's current driver's licence (to be sighted by office staff)
- current vehicle registration number

Important Information:

- students are not permitted to drive other students to school endorsed activities
- the vehicle must be registered, insured, and roadworthy
- the student must hold a current P1 or P2 driver's licence
- school staff are not qualified to assess vehicle condition - it is the responsibility of the owner/driver
- the school and Department of Education are not liable for any incidents involving privately owned vehicles.
- drivers are responsible for following all road rules and driving with care.

We kindly ask that you speak with your child about the importance of following the road rules, including:
Driving safely

- slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings
- always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways

Parking legally and safely

- always park and turn legally around the school. U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous
- park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate
- never double park as it puts road users at risk
- never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay
- don't park across driveways or the entrance to the school car park

For more details on student driving and school zone safety, please refer to the NSW Department of Education's website:
Driving and Parking Safely Near Your School

We thank you for your support in ensuring student safety and compliance with school and Department policies.