

School Passenger Safety Contract

Our school passenger safety policy states that:

- Child restraints are mandatory for all children under seven (until their seventh birthday) when travelling on school related trips in privately owned motor vehicles.
- Children under the height of 148cm will always use a booster seat when passengers in privately owned motor vehicles.
- Booster seats must meet an approved standard and be appropriately sized and fitted in the vehicle.
- Children must travel in the back seats unless these are already occupied by other children. The tallest child should travel in the front seat, and the seat should be moved as far back as possible, and if possible the airbag should be turned off.
- School staff will support drivers of privately owned vehicles being used to transport children on school related trips to ensure that all children are seated appropriately in a booster seat if under 148cm, or in a three point seatbelt if 148cm or taller.

Parent/Caregiver statement

I have read the school child passenger safety policy and understand that parents/caregivers of children under the height of 148cm must supply a booster seat of an approved standard for use on school related trips. I understand that the back seats are the safest place for a child to sit but if these seats are occupied the tallest child will be seated in the front passenger seat. If possible the front air bag should be turned off.

Name of parent _____

Signature _____

Date _____

SCHOOL CHILD MOTOR VEHICLE PASSENGER RESTRAINT POLICY

Child Passenger safety is an important aspect of road safety education, which is a shared responsibility between the school and parents. This policy will help reduce children's risk of injury, and support their wellbeing.

Purpose:

1. To support road safety awareness at all levels throughout the school
2. To encourage road safety and injury prevention behaviours among children as they travel to and from school
3. To encourage parents to model and reinforce messages taught at school

Guidelines:

School staff, parents, caregivers and students travelling on school related trips will be guided by the following policies:

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- Booster seats must meet an approved standard and be appropriately sized and fitted in the vehicle.
- Children must travel in the back seats unless these are already occupied by other children. The tallest child should travel in the front seat, and the seat should be moved as far back as possible, and if possible the airbag should be turned off.
- School staff will support drivers of any privately owned vehicles transporting children on school related trips to ensure that all children are seated appropriately in a booster seat if under 148cm, or in a three point seatbelt if 148cm or taller.
- Children will remove back packs whilst seated in the vehicle. Bags will be safely stored either on the floor or in the vehicle boot/ storage facility.
- Seat belts must remain fastened until the vehicle is safely parked.
- If children are travelling in privately owned motor vehicles, completion of the school's child passenger safety contract is part of the school trip planning procedure.