Appendix L – Driving to School Policy

The King David School acknowledges that senior students in possession of a drivers licence are entitled to exercise their right to drive a motor vehicle subject to the conditions imposed on probationary drivers in the state of Victoria.

Notwithstanding this right, it is the preference of The King David School that students with a drivers licence do not drive themselves to and from school as:

1. It is an unfortunate reality that inexperienced drivers, especially whilst in the company of high spirited peers, have traditionally exposed themselves and others to unnecessary danger, and
2. there is naturally an absence of parental supervision which may increase the possibility of risk taking behaviour.

Accordingly, The King David School will allow a student driving him/herself to and from school subject to:

1. The Coordinators being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds which warrant the student driving to and from school. In assessing whether reasonable grounds exist, they will take into account all relevant considerations including the availability of alternate methods of travel.
2. The student undertaking not to transport other students (aside from siblings) whilst travelling to or from the School.
3. Production by the student’s parents / guardian of an appropriate letter of consent including an acknowledgement that The King David School accepts no liability for any personal injury or property loss or damage arising out of or in any way associated with the student’s use of a motor vehicle. (sample available on request)
4. An acknowledgement that the student is at all times responsible for the parking and storage of the vehicle.

Sample letter giving authorisation for student to drive motor vehicle to and from The King David School:

I, ................................................................................................................................. (Parent / Guardian of) .................................................. (student) hereby consent that the student be permitted to drive: .............................................................. (vehicle's details) to and from school between .................................................. and ..................................................

Both the undersigned acknowledge that:

1. The student will not transport other students in the Motor Vehicle, (aside from siblings presently attending the School) whilst travelling to or from school.
2. This authorisation extends only to the student driving the Motor Vehicle to and from school.
3. The King David School accepts no liability for any personal injury or property loss or damage arising out of, or in any way associated with, the student’s use of the Motor Vehicle.
4. The student is at all relevant times responsible for the parking and storage of the Motor Vehicle.
5. The student will comply with, and abide by, such reasonable requests as shall be made by the School from time to time in relation to the student’s use of the Motor Vehicle.

Signed Parent/Guardian: .................................................................................. Date: ..................................................

Signed Student: ........................................................................................................ Date: ..................................................

Details of any siblings permitted to travel with the Student: ..........................................................

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