

NewDay Youth - Safe Driving Policy (September 2018)

Permission to Drive Youth (U18s)

NewDay Church is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of those who attend our youth ministry events and for those who volunteer in these ministries. This policy aims to protect the safety of all drivers and young people before, after and during our events.

Our youth leaders are willing to do whatever it takes to make sure anyone who wants to come to our programs can come however sometimes we can be asked to drive more than we are capable of. We ask parents to take responsibility over their child's transport to our events first before requesting assistance.

Expectation of Drivers

NewDay youth leaders will only drive a student under the age of 18 in their car if the following conditions are met:

- a) The leader has their Green Provisional or Full License;
- b) The leader has given their driver's license, registration and insurance details to the Youth Pastor (to be kept on file at church); and
- c) The church holds a signed permission form (page 3 of this policy) from the parent / guardian of each student in their car (see note below).

As much as possible:

- d) The leader will have another youth leader or adult in the car who is not related to the driver in any way. When this occurs, the 'other leader/adult' will have a current Working with Children Check.

Note: If a leader has been asked to drive a student for whom they do not have a signed permission note, the leader must call the parent/guardian to gain verbal permission from them. This is only to happen on up to two occasions until the permission note can be signed by a parent/guardian.

If an eligible leader (*see passenger permission form* for eligible driver conditions) is asked to drive a student under 18 years old, the driver is representing NewDay Church. Therefore, we expect the driver to take extra care in obeying all road rules including but not limited to:

- Adherence to posted speed limits and driving to the weather conditions;
- No hoon behaviour such as burnouts and drag racing;
- No mobile phone use;
- Zero drug or blood alcohol level; and
- Seatbelts to be worn by all passengers at all time, no sharing seatbelts.

Gender Guidelines for Driving

As much as possible...

- Youth leaders will only drive students of the same gender in their car.
- If there are both male and female students being driven in the same car, there should also be both a male and female leader in the car.

Communication with Parents

Parents will be made aware of who is driving their child. The driver will contact the parents directly. For example, when picking up a child from their home, the leader will speak to the parent. If a youth asks a leader to transport them somewhere after an event, even if a permission form has been signed, the leader will call the parent and inform them directly, rather than communicate through the child.

If there are any special circumstances in regards to the transport of your child (outside of those stated above), you (the parent / guardian) will be contacted before any further action is taken.

Passenger Permission Form

(last updated September 2018)

I grant permission for my child to be a passenger in the car of a youth leader from NewDay Church (Wollongong Church of Christ).

I understand that leaders will only drive a student in their car if the following conditions are met:

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- c) The church holds a signed permission form (page 3 of this policy) from the parent / guardian of each student in their car (see note below).

As much as possible:

- d) The leader will have another youth leader or adult in the car who is not related to the driver in any way. When this occurs, the 'other leader/adult' will have a current Working with Children Check.

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Child 1 Name: _____

Child 2 Name: _____

Child 3 Name: _____

I have read and understand the above.

Name of Parent or Guardian (print) _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 2018