

MEC Transport Policy

Our Values:

As a church, and as individuals, we desire to honour God by being above reproach in all things, erring on the side of caution, and taking due responsibility to care for young lives.

Children are entitled to be safe and protected. They have the right to be respected, listened to and their particular needs addressed in all church activities.

When ministering to children, all MEC workers have a responsibility for the safety and welfare of the children in their care.

Our Policies:

1. Transport between home and the starting point of activities

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to organize transport to the starting point of church activities.

2. Transport while on activities

Written permission from parents is to be obtained before children/young people travel in a vehicle driven by a person other than a family member.

Only drivers on green P's (or higher) are to transport children/youth to/from any event.

All drivers must be responsible, not having consumed alcohol/mind-altering substances. They must comply with all road rules at all times, including rules about speed and using mobiles while driving.

All vehicles used for transport must be registered, insured, in roadworthy condition, and fitted with appropriate child restraints and safety devices.

3. Child Protection

All drivers for MEC activities are to have an approved Working With Children Check number that has been verified by MEC before they transport children who are not relatives.

If drivers assist in children's/youth activities on a regular basis then they may be required to participate in Safe Ministry Training.

Drivers are not to be 1:1 with a child/youth in a car, even with parental permission (unless the child/youth is a family member). If for some reason the situation is unavoidable, another adult (preferably the child's parent) must be informed of the trip and the reason for it.

Drivers are to complete a **MEC Volunteer Driver Information Form** before transporting children to whom they are not related. These forms need to be re-signed and dated every year to verify that circumstances have not changed. Drivers are responsible for letting the church know if the circumstances they declare on the form change.

MEC Volunteer Driver Information Form

Please complete this form if you will drive children/youth as part of your service to the church.

Driver's Full Name: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issue: _____

Date Of Issue: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Type of License: Car Bus Truck Other (please specify) _____

1. Are there any restrictions on your driver's license? (eg. P Plates)

Yes Please describe _____

No

2. Is your license currently valid in NSW?

Yes

No If no, you cannot drive at MEC events

3. Is your vehicle registered?

Yes Please list your registration number _____

No If no, then you cannot use your vehicle to for transport at MEC events

4. Is your vehicle in a roadworthy condition?

Yes

No You cannot drive your vehicle at MEC events until the vehicle is repaired

5. Do you agree to abide by NSW road rules at all times, including no use of mobiles while driving, no speeding and no driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Yes

No You cannot drive at MEC events

6. I have supplied my Working With Children Check (WWCC) approval number to the MEC office.

Yes

No You cannot drive at MEC events until your WWCC is lodged at the MEC office

Please notify the church if there are any changes in the above information.

Signed:

Date: