

Conditions of Bus Travel

To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses, the following conditions apply at all times. Please take time to read through the Conditions of Bus Travel with your child/ren. School bus travel is a privilege, not a right and consequences will follow a breach of these conditions.



To ensure safe travel on school buses, students must agree to the following statements:

- I will not play on the road at the bus stop.
- I will wait for the bus to stop before trying to board.
- I will always use the BusMinder bus fob when boarding and exiting the bus.
- I will keep all body parts and my belongings inside the bus.
- I will get on and off the bus quietly and in a safe manner.
- I will not throw anything in or from the bus.
- I will stay in my seat and wear my seatbelt at all times.
- I will demonstrate the school values at all times and be mindful of my behaviour and noise level.
- I will cross the road when the bus has left and when it is safe to do so.
- I will not take dangerous or flammable goods on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- I will travel on the bus service allocated to me, to and from my approved bus stop only.

To ensure students are considerate to one another and their bus driver, they must agree to the following statements:

- I will arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to departure in the morning.
- I will not eat, drink (other than water) or smoke while on the school bus.
- I will use appropriate language in accordance with our school values.
- I will listen to the bus driver. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any vandalism or misbehaviour including but not limited to bullying, teasing or aggression.
- I will not draw on or damage any part of the bus.
- I will behave appropriately on a school bus to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all on board.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions may result in the following:

- The driver will stop the bus.
- The offender's name and full details of the breach will be recorded.
- The offender will be transported to school or to their normal drop off.
- The breach will be reported to bus co-ordinators.
- The school will take disciplinary measures in accordance with the guidelines below.
- CCTV may be accessed and used.
- In rare and exceptional circumstances, and only as a last resort, drivers are authorised to eject passengers from a bus.

Following the report of a relevant incident, the Assistant Principal may take the disciplinary action below:

- First offence – Verbal warning to student.
- Second offence – Written warning to parent/guardian and one day suspension may occur.
- Third offence – Up to one week suspension of student from school bus travel.
- Fourth offence – The student may not be allowed to travel on the school bus for the remainder of the year.
- A serious offence that endangers other students, bus staff or property may result in immediate suspension.

Responsibilities of parents/guardians:

- Parents are responsible for their children, both to and from authorised bus stops and their safety at the bus stop while waiting for the bus.
- Parents will record any absences from school bus travel via the BusMinder app.
- Parents must be waiting at bus stops to collect all primary school aged children.
- Drop off and wait for children on the same side of the road as the bus.
- Do not board the bus under any circumstances.
- Communicate any stop change requests or issues to the bus department.
- Park away from bus stops to ensure there is sufficient distance for the bus to safely pull into and exit the stop.
- Parents acknowledge their children are responsible and capable of handling the task of independently catching the bus.
- Parents must behave respectfully towards all members of our community as per the school's Parent Code of Conduct.
- Do not drive in front of a bus to prevent the bus from moving.

It is understood that bus travel is provided and accepted on these conditions.