



Code of Conduct for Buses – Students

The safety and comfort of all persons travelling on the bus are of the utmost importance. This code is a reminder to all school students, their parents and carers that some behaviour is unacceptable on buses, or any other form of public transport.

Please discuss these simple rules with your children, so that they understand what they should and should not do.

To ensure your safety and the comfort of others:

Students will

1. Wear a safety belt if fitted on the bus at all times.
2. Behave safely at all times.
3. Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers.
4. Respect bus property by not marking or damaging it.
5. Always follow instructions about safety on the bus

Students will NOT

1. Distract the driver except in an emergency.
2. Eat or drink on the bus.
3. Allow any part of their body to protrude from the bus.
4. Fight, spit, use offensive language or place their feet on the seats.
5. Throw any article inside or out of the bus.
6. Push, shove or otherwise handle other passengers.

If students do misbehave on the bus, they may incur penalties that reflect the seriousness of the misbehaviour and may lose privileges for up to ten school days.

If a student's behaviour is either **offensive or dangerous** and leads a bus driver to contact the School seeking disciplinary action, action will be taken and could result in the student losing bus privileges for ten School weeks.

In addition to any penalty imposed under this Code, the School Principal may take other actions under the School's Behaviour Management Policies or Student Welfare Policy.

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Please ensure your children read this notice so that they understand fully the consequences of misbehaving on a school bus, or any other bus.

Offensive Behaviour

Such as offensive language, spitting, throwing objects (including food) inside or outside the bus, eating on the bus, distracting the driver with unreasonable noise, may lead to the loss of school travel privileges for up to ten school days.

Dangerous Behaviour

Such as allowing any part of the student's body to protrude from the bus, or causing discomfort and distress to other passengers, throwing objects inside or outside the bus, fighting, or damaging or destroying bus property, may lead to the loss of school travel privileges for up to ten school weeks.

Defacing Property

Students will be required to pay for repairs. If a student's behaviour leads a bus driver to contact the School seeking disciplinary action, action will be taken.

This decision is made through consultations between the student's parents or carers and the bus driver and the School Principal. Travel privileges may be withdrawn only after these discussions have occurred.


Please Note: In addition to any penalty imposed under this Code, the School Principal may take other actions under the School's Student Code of Conduct.

Bus Duty - Code of Conduct

1. Students are to line up for their buses and wait quietly in the nominated place and are not to engage in any games/activities that cause disruption or make supervision difficult. Students are to board in an orderly manner.
2. Students who are waiting to be collected by parents, or are waiting for the last buses, are to wait quietly in the nominated area.
3. Students bus travel arrangements may only be changed if the parents have notified the School in writing. (By telephone in an emergency only).
4. It is a requirement for students to wear seat belts on buses if they are fitted. Any child found not wearing a seat belt that has been directed to do so, may not be able to catch the bus.

Policy Administration

This Code of Conduct will be reviewed periodically, or in the event of any information or incident that indicates the need for a review, or following relevant legislative or organisational change.

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