



Bus

Rationale

Student behaviour on and around school buses, and the efficiency and punctuality of bus services are of vital importance to student safety.

Purpose

- To ensure that students travelling to and from our school by bus do so safely, and in a manner consistent with DEECD policies and regulations.
- To ensure bus travelling issues are dealt with effectively and efficiently.

Guidelines

1. Students attending government schools are eligible to receive free bus travel to their nearest school, so long as they reside more than 4.8 kilometres from that school.
2. Students attending government schools are also eligible for a Conveyance Allowance so long as they attend the nearest school, no bus service is available and they live more than 4.8 kilometres from the school, or they live more than 4.8 kilometres from the nearest bus stop.
3. A student may access travel to a school other than the nearest school. Such travel is conditional upon space being available on the bus after all eligible travellers have been catered for. Approval is on a term-by-term basis and negotiated with the principal and the bus company.
4. Our school in consultation with the bus company will coordinate bus timetables and displan procedures.

Purpose

To provide a safe and efficient bus service for the students attending Bellbrae Primary School

Implementation

1. All families attending the school will be made aware of the bus service, eligibility requirements and the bus route.
2. This will be done through information booklets, school newsletters and parent information sessions.
3. 'Application to Travel' forms will be required to be completed by intended travellers.
4. All students travelling regularly by bus undertake revision of bus safety rules and procedures on a regular basis or as required.

Bus Rules

- Remain well clear when bus is parking or leaving.
 - Do not attempt to enter a moving bus.
 - Noise while travelling should be kept at an acceptable level so as not to distract the driver.
 - No food or drink should be consumed on the bus.
 - Keep all parts of the body and other objects inside bus at all times.
 - Remain seated until bus is parked.
 - Students crossing the road after leaving a bus, do so at the rear of the bus.
 - Follow all directions given by the bus driver.
5. Consequences for misbehaviour will be consistent with the Student Behaviour Management documents and may lead to suspension from using the bus service.
 6. The bus coordinator will supervise the departure of buses from the school at the conclusion of each school day, including marking each child against an attendance roll. This will not apply to any public bus service that the school might use.
 7. **School** buses will not depart until given permission to do so by the bus coordinator.
 8. Close liaison between the school and the bus companies will be maintained.
 9. The Principal, School Council and Parents and Friends Committee will, where possible, address concerns regarding bus travel.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle, or whenever a significant change in bus operations occurs, or after a significant bus related incident.

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Program

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