

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON BUSES



### The expected behaviour of students

**Behaviour** - Respect other people and property.

- Treat other people and their possessions with respect.
- Follow bus drivers' directions without argument.
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment, shelters and signs by marking or damaging them in any way.

**Behaviour** - Wait for the bus in an orderly manner.

- Wait well back from the bus until it stops and allow other passengers to leave the bus before boarding.
- Stand quietly without calling out or shouting.
- Do not push other people in the line.

**Behaviour** - While on the bus, conduct yourself in an orderly manner.

*Students must:*

- always follow instructions from the driver about safety on the bus;
- show their bus pass, ticket or ID upon request;
- sit properly on a seat if one is available (in an allocated seat if directed by the driver);
- if standing, remain in the area designated by the driver;
- store school bags under the seat or in appropriate luggage areas;
- speak quietly and not create unnecessary noise.

*It is not appropriate or acceptable for students to:*

- bully or harass other students or the driver;
- place feet on the seats;
- fight, spit or use offensive language;
- throw any article around or from the bus;
- consume food or drink, or play music without permission of the driver;
- smoke (prohibited on all buses);
- allow any portion of their body to protrude out of the bus windows;
- stand forward of the front seat;
- use a mobile phone to send threatening messages, or photograph others without consent;
- distract drivers through use of mobile phones or hand-held computer games.

**Behaviour** - Use designated stops.

- It is the responsibility of students to disembark at their correct designated stop.

**Behaviour** - When getting off the bus, do so in an orderly manner.

- Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off.
- Alight from the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion.
- Never cross the road in front of the bus, wait until the bus has moved away, and it is safe to do so.
- Use crossings or traffic lights if available.

**Behaviour** - In case of an emergency or a breakdown, follow the driver's directions.

- Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off.
- Leave the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion.
- Wait in the area indicated by the driver.