

AGREEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SAFER TRANSPORT

Effective February 2010

Name of Service	
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1. School Principal

School buses are among the safest ways of travelling to and from school. Good habits and practices help to keep them safe for everyone on and around the bus.

Bus services benefit the entire school community and it is important that we recognise the value of the service and what we can all do to have them operate safely, effectively and fairly.

As the School Principal, I support the rights of all students to feel safe on their journeys to and from school. I support the efforts of all parties – operators, bus drivers, staff, parents and students to ensure the safe use of public transport services, and I endorse the Code of Behaviour outlined below and believe that it is consistent with and complements our School's Code of Behaviour.

Principal's Name		Principal's Signature		Date	
Name of School				Telephone	

2. Bus Operator/Driver

As the Driver/Operator, I understand it is important that I retain the confidence and support of the School Community and staff while delivering student transport services.

I, and anyone who drives for me will always:

- a. Respect all passengers and their property;
- b. Operate the bus in a safe and appropriate fashion at all times;
- c. Behave and communicate in a professional and courteous manner towards all;
- d. Administer the rules governing travel on my buses fairly, consistently and impartially.

Operator Name		Operator Signature		Date	
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In the interests of safety, we agree to the following Code of Behaviour whilst travelling on buses:

3. Students agree to:

- ✓ Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner;
- ✓ If directed by the driver, occupy a particular seat;
- ✓ Seat belts will be worn when fitted;
- ✓ Sit properly on the seat;
- ✓ Respect bus property and the property of others by not marking or damaging it;
- ✓ Accept the driver is in charge and obey his or her instructions;
- ✓ Place bag/s under the seat or in the storage areas provided;
- ✓ Behave safely at all times;
- ✓ Try to have the correct fare when purchasing tickets;
- ✓ Wait until the bus has moved off before attempting to cross the road.

Students agree not to:

- × Physically or verbally harass other passengers, or the driver;
- × Create unnecessary noise;
- × Move about whilst the bus is in motion;
- × Extend any part of my body out of the windows;
- × Throw any object either inside, or outside the bus;
- × Eat or drink whilst on the bus;
- × Distract the bus driver from his or her duties;
- × Carry illegal, oversize and/or dangerous objects;
- × Obstruct the aisle, doors or emergency exits;
- × Stand on or put feet on the seat;
- × Cross the road in front of the bus.

4. Parents agree to:

- ✓ Deliver and collect my child/children on the same side of the road/highway as to which he or she boards/disembarks the bus.

Parents agree not to:

- × Park on the opposite side of the road/highway to which the bus stops and wait there for my child to cross the road.

I understand and agree to the abovementioned rules and conditions. I also understand that failure to comply may result in my child/children being suspended from travelling on the bus. If my child/children are suspended I (the parent/guardian) will be responsible for transporting my child to and from school at my own cost. My child/children also understand and agree to the rules and conditions.

Parent Guardian Name		Parent Guardian Signature		Date	
Address				Telephone	