



# Middleton Grange School |

## Important Notice : School Bus Service |

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

The Middleton Grange School Board of Trustees met last night and unanimously agreed to ratify/approve the motion from the Finance Committee to:

### **DISCONTINUE THE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE OF ALL THREE BUS ROUTES EFFECTIVE FROM THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2019 (when Seniors leave for NCEA exam leave).**

This decision has not been made lightly, as I'm sure you can appreciate, but pupil bus patronage has continued to decline this term with an approximate net loss of \$22,000 as at 9 August 2019.

I would like to thank those parents who replied to my earlier notice on 1 August 2019 informing you about the intention to discontinue the bus service, as we value your feedback.

This means that as from **Friday, 1 November 2019**, pupils currently using the school bus service and any potential new users will need to find alternative means of transport to and from Middleton Grange School. We understand this may inconvenience a number of families who currently use the school bus service. This is why we are informing you now to allow those affected ample time to explore and make alternative arrangements. Families may wish to explore car pooling, public bus services or other possible transport options.

#### **Please note**

The costs for the bus service for **the final 13 days of the service in Term 4 (14-31 October 2019)** will be:

❖ <b>Daily 2 ways</b>	<b>\$78.00</b>
❖ <b>Daily 1 Way – am</b>	<b>\$39.00</b>
❖ <b>Daily 1 Way – pm</b>	<b>\$39.00</b>
❖ <b><u>10</u> Ticket Rides</b>	<b>\$32.50</b>
This option is being provided to offer more flexibility	
❖ <b><u>20</u> Ticket Rides</b>	<b>\$65.00 (G/inclusive)</b>

#### **Please note**

For those who have any **unused 20 ticket bus rides**, they will need to obtain from Student Services a Bus Refund form. The completed form needs to be returned to Student Services by no later than **Friday, 6 December 2019** for subsequent reimbursement.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

**Mike Vannoort**

Principal

13 August 2019