

Rules for Students Travelling on School Buses

Transport assistance is provided as a privilege, for entitled students, and not a right. Your Principal may withdraw that privilege if you misbehave

Responsibilities

- ✓ Use common sense and courtesy
- ✓ Behave appropriately
- ✓ Look after yourself and others

If you carry out your responsibilities at all times, then we will not need to refer to these rules, which are for your safety and comfort

Major Safety Rules

- ✓ The bus must have stopped moving before you get on or off
- ✓ Get on and off the bus in an orderly manner, without pushing
- ✓ Sit correctly with your back on the back of the seat until the bus stops at your stopping point
- ✓ When off the bus, keep well clear, especially when it is being reversed or turned
- ✓ If the bus breaks down, and the driver asks you to get off the bus, stand clear of the bus, off the road and do not cross the road
- ✓ You must have written permission from your Principal or Bus Controller, if you wish to get off at a stop other than your usual one
- ✓ If you have to cross the road after the bus has dropped you off, wait until the bus has moved away, at least the distance of two telegraph poles, before crossing. This should give you a clear view to cross
- ✓ The driver must not be distracted by any of your actions, except in a genuine emergency
- ✓ Be aware of the position of the emergency door and only use it in an emergency.

Major Behaviour Rules

- ✓ Eating and drinking are forbidden on the bus, except for those travelling long distances with the approval of the driver. Chewing gum is not permitted
- ✓ Fighting, "skylarking", bullying and teasing others are not permitted
- ✓ Stopping others from occupying a seat is not permitted
- ✓ Throwing objects and making gestures out of the windows of the bus are not permitted
- ✓ Moving around the bus, including swapping seats, is not permitted
- ✓ Standing in the bus is only permitted when all seats are full
- ✓ Speak politely and act with courtesy to everyone
- ✓ Respect the fittings (eg seats, windows) of the bus

- ⊗ **If you break any of these rules expect consequences**
- ⊗ **Your parents may be requested to get you to school without using the bus**
- ⊗ **The school reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of bus transport for serious or persistent breach of these rules** (Bus Controller)

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I accept the above rules on school bus behaviour Route _____

Name of student _____ Whanau _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____