

# Swannanoa School



## Bus Information

### Getting to the bus stop safely

- Have a **planned route** to the school bus stop. This should have the fewest roads to cross and the least amount of traffic.
- Make children as **visible** as possible (they could wear bright and/or light-coloured clothing, or clothing with reflective tape on it).
- If you drop children off, make sure they don't have to cross the road (unless there is a school crossing nearby).
- Tell children how important it is to wait quietly and not play games that could cause them to run onto the road.

### Coming home from school

Remind your children not to cross the road until the bus has moved away (at least two power poles or until they can see up and down the road clearly).

### Picking children up

- If you're picking children up from the bus stop, always wait on the **same side of the road of the bus stop**. Don't call out for children to come to you across the road.
- Park your car out of the way of the bus and other children.
- When you're driving, remember that the speed limit for passing a school **on either side of the road** is 20 km/h. Always keep to the speed limit

### Catching the school bus

- Wait quietly for the school bus in the designated place. Stand as far away from the road edge as you can, preferably behind the gate.
- Wait until the bus has stopped before you walk to the door in a single line. **Don't push.**
- Wait until the bus monitor has ticked you off the list and told you that you can enter the bus.
- **Carry** your backpack (if you wear it, it may get caught in the door).
- Let younger children get on first.

## **Riding the bus**

- Sit down quickly and put your bag under the seat or on your knees (clear of the aisle).
- Sit in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- Listen to any instructions from the bus driver and/or the bus monitor

## **Chaos at the school gate**

*Are **you** a part of the problem?*

What is dangerous for you can be dangerous for your child.

Choose safety over convenience.

Protect all children.

Keeping your child safe shouldn't put others at risk.

## **Remember...**

- Always see a good example with your children when crossing the road – it will help to ensure their safety when you aren't there.
- Have children use the car door on the footpath side – it keeps them away for the traffic.
- Walk to the school gate to drop off or collect your children – always hold onto little hands.
- Never call out from across the road – excited children forget to look for traffic.
- Never stop on the yellow 'NO STOPPING' lines – they are there to ensure children can see and be seen.
- Take extreme care when pulling in to driveways close to the school – child pedestrians can be unpredictable and unaware of your presence.
- On wet days drive slowly and with patience. Obey all school parking restrictions – be prepared to walk further than usual.



# The Swannanoa School Bus Transport Code of Conduct

*For both the Eyre and Mandeville Bus*

**My family and I understand and accept the following school bus rules.**

- I will:**
- Line up quietly and sensibly when waiting for the bus
  - Sit down quietly in my seat
  - Put my bag on the floor or on my knees
  - Wear my seatbelt, if there is one, and stay in my seat while the bus is moving
  - Wait until the bus stops before I leave my seat
  - Walk quietly from the bus when I get off
  - Show the school values of community, success, respect, kindness and integrity on the bus

- I will not:**
- Throw anything out of the windows
  - Eat or drink on the bus
  - Distract the driver while the bus is moving
  - Be disruptive or annoying to other passengers

If I have a concern, I will tell the bus monitor or bus driver.

If I misbehave on the bus, the bus monitor/bus driver may report it, and I may be shifted to a different seat on the bus, or excluded from travelling on the bus for either a set time or indefinitely.

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