



## School bus travel and student etiquette

Students travelling on buses to and from School need to be aware that they are neither directly supervised by teaching staff nor under the “eagle eye” of their parents.

The primary function of the bus driver is to drive the students safely from A to B, and the driver’s attention must not be distracted from the job in hand. Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School students are expected to behave in a manner which ensures the driver can do this, and we ask for co-operation from all students to ensure that this happens.

Bus travel therefore presents an opportunity for self-discipline and self-regulation from all students. It is reasonable to expect the bus trip to and from School to be safe, enjoyable and comfortable.

The following rules apply to travel on all buses used for school travel:

- Students must obey the instructions of the bus driver at all times.
- Students must wear seat belts at all times for the safety of all.
- Students are to remain seated whilst the bus is in motion.
- Students must only get on and off when the bus has stopped.
- Students are to respect the privacy and comfort of other students.
- Students should enjoy their music through earphones or headsets.
- Students are to keep their voices down and behaviour restrained.
- Students should follow bus rules regarding eating and drinking and leave the bus clean and free of rubbish.
- After alighting from the bus, students must stand back until the bus has moved away and must only cross the road when there is two-way visibility, and it is clear of traffic.
- Primary students are to sit in the front seats. They may not stand.
- Senior students who accept the responsibility of leadership have the right to get on buses after the Primary students and choose seats or reserve the back seats if they wish.
- Where possible bags must be stored under seats or in luggage bins or, when necessary, on laps, as bags must not be left in the aisle.
- On regular Passenger Transport Services, public adult bus travellers are entitled to seats before students.
- Students should adhere to School dress regulations; paying particular attention to best presentation when in public.
- Before alighting from the bus, students should be unplugged from ipods or other musical devices, in order to be focused on traffic conditions and safety.
- Students **MUST** have their bus travel card and ensure they swipe on when getting on the bus and swipe off when leaving the bus.

All Senior Students travelling on the bus are expected to set a positive example and discourage unacceptable behaviour. Senior students will be requested to act as Bus Monitors on their respective buses. We will encourage Bus Monitors to report those students who continually breach bus etiquette rules to Mr Green (Director of Students).

Good behaviour and politeness is an expectation. It is a key safety issue as well as part of being a responsible citizen. Students who breach bus codes and etiquette or behave in a way that disturbs the comfort of other students can expect disciplinary consequences, which can include being denied permission to use the bus services for a period.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS