

## **BUS TRANSPORT - STUDENT SAFETY AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

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### **Conditions of Bus Travel & Safety Requirements**

- When catching the bus in the morning you are expected to wait safely and off the road at the bus stop and not approach your bus until it has stopped
- Students must carry their **FLIPPER CARD** with them at all times **AND TAP ON**
- Students can only travel on the bus they have allocated
- Students cannot bring friends home with them
- Your driver will let you off your bus in the College bus bay
- At the end of the day you should walk to the bus bay and only get on your bus if your driver says you can
- You must walk on the paths in the bus car park
- When getting off the bus at your stop do not cross the road until the bus has left
- For reasons of safety and the good reputation of the College, you must behave sensibly when waiting for and travelling on the bus
- If seats are available, you must remain seated at all times. The driver is in charge and must not be distracted
- If there are no seats and standing is allowed on your bus, you must stand still, hold on at all times and not distract the driver
- Any damage done to the bus must be paid for within 14 days or you will not be allowed to travel on the bus until the damage is paid for
- If your behaviour is unsatisfactory the driver will contact the College and bus travel will be restricted

### **To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses at all times students must agree to the following conditions:**

- At the bus-stop do not play on the road or try to get on the bus before it has stopped
- Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times
- Do not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas or under seats
- Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving
- Do not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans
- Seat belts must be worn where fitted

### **To ensure passengers are considerate to one another and their bus driver, students must agree to:**

- In the morning, arrive at the bus-stop 5 minutes prior to departure
- Do not eat or drink while on the school bus
- Get on the bus service allocated to you. **Do not** change to one that will take you to a friends, sports or social event – you will not be allowed on.

- Use a standard conversational tone and do not call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people
- Listen to the bus driver as they are responsible for maintenance of the school bus safety and also have the authority to report any misbehaviour or vandalism
- Behaving inappropriately on a school bus places the safety and wellbeing of all on board at risk

**Noncompliance with any of the above conditions may result in the following:**

- The driver will stop the bus
  - The offender's name and full details of the breach will be recorded
  - The offender will be carried to school or to their normal drop-off
  - The breach will be reported to the Transport Team and House Coordinator
  - The House Coordinator will take disciplinary measures in accordance with the guidelines below
- In rare and exceptional circumstances – and only as a last resort – drivers are authorised to remove passengers from a bus.

**Following the report of a relevant incident, the House Coordinator may take the disciplinary action below:**

- **1st offence** verbal warning to student
- **2nd offence** written warning to parent/guardian
- **3rd offence** one week suspension of student from school bus travel
- **4th offence** the student will not be allowed to travel on the school bus for the remainder of the year