BUS BEHAVIOUR POLICY

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STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

The bus is an extension of the school classroom and consequently School Discipline Policy applies.

Students are required to observe the following rules.

- They must obey, without comment, any instruction given to them by the bus driver in relation to seating, behaviour or other safety/disciplinary matters.
- They must remain properly seated in their allocated seat at all times unless given permission by the driver to do otherwise.
- They must, at all times, wear the seatbelts provided
- They must treat the bus driver and all other students, with respect.
- They must not intimidate any student either verbally or physically.
- They must not interfere with the possessions of any other student.
- They must keep the noise level to a reasonable level.
- They must not distract the driver by their actions or comments.
- They must not, at any time, have limbs protruding from open windows nor must they ever throw articles out of the window.
- They must not make obscene gestures or signs to oncoming or following traffic.
- Except with the express permission of the driver, there is to be no eating on the bus. Students are permitted to have water bottles on the bus provided they are used in an appropriate manner.
- They are to make sure that the bus is kept clean and tidy at all times.
- Bus monitors have been chosen to support the bus drivers with student behaviour management. Students are to listen to the bus monitors and treat them with respect.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR ON A BUS

STEP 1 - Report 1 - warning from driver - written report to Principal	• withdrawn from the yard for 1 or more lunchtimes, at the discretion of the Principal or delegate • parents to be contacted
STEP 2 - Report 2	• suspension from the bus for 1 day and withdrawn from the yard for 2 or more lunchtimes
STEP 3 - Report 3	• suspension from the bus for a period of up to 5 days, at the discretion of the Principal of the school, and withdrawn from the yard for 1 week

If a student has had three reports, each subsequent report will be treated as a Report No. 3.

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If a student's behaviour is such that the Principal has no choice but to suspend the student from the bus in order to ensure the safety of all others on the bus, parents/caregivers will be required to transport the student to and from school for the duration of the suspension.

Ongoing behaviour which results in repeated suspensions or which puts the safety of other students and the driver at risk may result in a suspension of longer than 5 days.

VARIATIONS TO TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Students are permitted to travel on buses other than their usual bus only under the following circumstances.

- **A request in made in writing either by email or phone call** to obtain specific approval. Please note that accommodation on most buses is limited, as at times the request may not be approved. The student will be required to sit on the seat allocated by the driver.
- Bus drivers are **NOT** to be approached with such requests. It is not their area of responsibility.

The other significant concern relates to students who travel to school on their usual bus in the morning but **not on the afternoon** run. This usually occurs on sports practice, Confirmation class nights or at times when students are involved in part-time work. At times, there can be 50+ students not using the afternoon run.

It is your responsibility, as parents, to notify the school of the change you wish to make to usual travel arrangements.

To simplify the matter, we will accept one note to cover "regular" events such as sports practice, but please notify the school if the normal arrangements change.

Another problem occurs when parents decide to pick their children up rather than have them travel on the bus. **Again, you must inform the school that you intend doing this. Please do not leave it until the last minute as it makes our monitoring tasks very difficult.**

In general, bus drivers will keep to the set timetable. If parents/caregivers are running late and miss their usual pick-up point, they will either need to catch the bus at a stop further along the route, or drive the student in to school. **Bus drivers are not allowed to stop between Education Department approved stops.**

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL BUS USERS A SAFE AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES ON THE BUS.

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SHOULD ANY BUS BE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT, IT WILL BE CRUCIAL THAT WE HAVE AN ACCURATE LIST OF STUDENTS WHO WERE TRAVELLING ON THE BUS. WE SEEK YOUR CO-OPERATION IN ENSURING THAT THE LISTS WE HAVE EACH AFTEROON ARE ACCURATE.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle. Ratified 20th May 2026