

Living School Bus Policy

Living School will provide a bus service on a cost per use basis for students to attend Living School. The cost of the service will be reasonable and meet the running costs, drivers and administration requirements of the service.

Parents/carers using the Living School bus service agree to abide by the rights and responsibilities listed below.

Our younger students have a seating plan - and this is to promote positive travel. This is not negotiable.

1. Behaviour

Using Living School's bus service is a privilege. And there are responsibilities. We have updated these on our bus booking page and on our webpage.

In short: safe behaviour is imperative.

A few Safe Choices are outlined below:

1.1 Students have the responsibility to:

Ensure their behaviour is safe, including...

- No parts of the body out of the windows, no distraction of the driver, no throwing of items on the bus, no vandalism, no leaving rubbish on the bus.
- Always wear a seatbelt and never move around the bus while it is travelling, unless specifically instructed by a teacher/driver.
- Report to the driver (or teacher or the Admin Manager) poor behaviour or issues regarding safety.
- Only use electronic devices if approved by the Conductor or his/her delegate.
- Never use inappropriate language or communicate, show or distribute any inappropriate/sensitive information that may cause offence to the wide range of students' ages on our bus service.
- Not bring any nut products on the bus to minimise any allergic reactions.

1.2 Actions for poor behaviour choices

- A discussion with the driver on behaviour changes that need to occur with an apology required.
- Driver discussion with parents if behaviour has heightened safety issues.
- A Safe Choices meeting with the Administration Manager.

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- A Behaviour reprimand with sanctions reported by the Conductor and/or his delegate, with parents notified.

2. Drivers Rights

- 2.1 Travel free from harassment, intimidation or anti-social behaviour
- 2.2 Travel in a clean, well-maintained and tidy bus
- 2.3 Have their possessions treated with respect without tampering
- 2.4 Travel safely with a focus on the road and driving conditions free from distraction

3. Drivers Responsibilities

- 3.1 Ensure they drive safely abiding by all road rules
- 3.2 Travel without impairment induced by medication, medical condition or drugs/intoxication
- 3.3 Maintain their bus to ensure it is safe, has enough fuel/oil, and is clean
- 3.4 Ensure any nut products are prohibited and disposed of appropriately to avoid any risk of allergic reactions
- 3.5 Manage all behaviour expectations, and protocols established by the school, e.g. seating arrangements for younger students.
- 3.6 Be on time and safely ensure they keep to their delegated rosters.

See more - <http://living.school/bus-management-for-living-school/>