

Transport

Bus Travel

Bus Companies provide the school with numerous direct services. Bus routes for Blue Mountains Bus Co., will be notified in the Blue Mountains Gazette one week before school resumes.

Bus Passes & Public Transport

School students have previously been entitled to free travel on private buses under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS). At the time of writing no formal communication has been received by the school advising of any changes for the new year. New students to the school need to complete a bus pass application form and return it to the school for checking, then processing by the Blue Mountains Bus Company and, for students travelling longer distances, other operators.

New SSTS Applications

If you need to apply for the SSTS next year, it is important that applications are returned to school before the end of Term 4 this year. Application Forms are available from the school reception, or will have been sent to you by the Registrar.

Once SSTS travel has been approved and the private operator bus pass issued, details will be forwarded to the school and the pass issued to the student.

If a student loses their bus pass, then an application form for replacement is required to be completed and submitted to Student Reception for processing by Blue Mountains Bus Company or other operator.

Bus Routines

Travel on buses is not supervised by parents or staff. Student bus monitors are appointed to report regularly to the Transport Co-ordinator. Parents should not contact the monitors about any problems. Instead, parents should contact the staff members with the allocated responsibility in this area. (See section on Discipline)

Where a parent is concerned about a younger child travelling on the bus, they should contact the classroom teacher who will organise for a responsible older child to act as "a bus buddy".

Train Travel

Any student needing to use a train as the primary means of travelling to and from school must have a pass in order to have free travel on the train. Such passes may be obtained by filling out an Application for Travel Form obtainable at the office.

Travel rules

1. Students are to remain seated at all times when seats are available.
2. Students must not put their heads, hands or arms out of the windows of the bus/train.
3. No eating or drinking is permitted on the bus/train.
4. Students are not to make unreasonable noise while travelling on the bus/train.
5. Students K - 6 should have seating priority on buses.
6. Follow reasonable directions given by bus monitors.

Specific Train Rules

In addition students are required to all travel in the same carriage, such carriage to be notified by the Transport Co-ordinator. There are Train Monitors who will report on these arrangements and on any inappropriate behaviour on the train.

Miscellaneous Transport Information

Private Conveyance Subsidy

The school has no influence over eligibility for concessions and subsidies. This has been available to parents of students who reside 1.6 km or more from the nearest bus stop or station. Such subsidy may be obtained by filling in the appropriate form, obtainable at the office.

Cyclists

Cyclists must wear helmets to and from school as required by law. Students must ride down Rickard Road using the bike path and not on the roadway, riding in a safe manner that is considerate of residents, pedestrians and other users of the bike path. Once on school property, students must not cycle beyond the carpark, but must dismount and walk.

Parents will be informed of breaches and requested to withdraw permission for their child to ride a bicycle to and from school.