



Bacchus Marsh
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Student Bus Travel Code of Conduct

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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this Code of Conduct (Code) is to ensure safe and comfortable travel for all students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar (the School).
- 1.1.2 This Code applies to all students (Junior, Middle and Senior) who travel to and/or from School on a designated Bacchus Marsh Grammar private bus, town service or country service school bus (School Bus).

2 Rules and Expectations of Behaviour

- 2.1.1 Students must abide by the following rules and conduct requirements at all times when travelling on a School Bus. All students must;
 - 1) Behave in a safe, responsible, and respectful manner – ensuring that behaviours and noise levels are not uncomfortable to other passengers.
 - 2) Remain properly seated while the bus is in motion, at all times.
 - 3) Not take photos or videos of other students, drivers, or aspects of the bus during operation.
 - 4) Not eat food (including chewing gum) or consume drinks (other than water) on the bus.
 - 5) Not sit on armrests, kneel, or place feet on the seats.
 - 6) Not draw on, damage, or deface any article in or on the bus.
 - 7) Not use offensive or inappropriate language.
 - 8) Not throw any article in or from the bus.
 - 9) Not spit or fight.
 - 10) Not distract the driver while the bus is in motion unless there is a serious reason to do so such as requesting a stop or an emergency.
 - 11) Not make inappropriate and/or rude gestures to others including pedestrians and/or the general public.
 - 12) Not yell at or out to others or pedestrians and/or the general public.
 - 13) Not behave whilst waiting for a bus in a way that brings discredit to the School.
 - 14) Ensure if they are travelling on a Bacchus Marsh Grammar private bus, that they travel on the bus service to which they have been allocated.
 - 15) Behave in a way that respects the rights of residents who are in the vicinity of school bus stops.
 - 16) Wear seat belts where fitted at all times.
 - 17) Carry their Student ID card at all times.
 - 18) Disembark at their designated stop as advised on Roll Call for students travelling on a Bacchus Marsh Grammar private bus.
 - 19) Abide by Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Rules and Regulations, particularly those related to behaviour and appearance.
 - 20) Not enter the driver area of the bus or touch any driver instruments. THIS AREA IS STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS
- 2.1.2 In addition to section 1.1.3, it is recommended that students:
 - 1) Remain at home and do not board the bus if they are unwell.
 - 2) Wear a fitted face mask while travelling on a School Bus.

Note: - These requirements are in place for the safety and comfort of all students while travelling to and from the School.

3 Consequences for Breach of this Code of Conduct

- 3.1.1 Non-compliance with any of the above rules and expectations of behaviour will result in the following actions:
 - First offence** – verbal warning to student
 - Second offence** – written warning to parent/guardian
 - Third offence** – up to one week suspension of student from school bus travel



Fourth offence – the student may not be allowed to travel on the school bus for an extended period

- 3.1.2 If the incident or incidents are deemed by the Principal to be of a more serious nature, withdrawal of travel rights may occur immediately.
- 3.1.3 Normal School sanctions, i.e. detentions, suspension, etc., will also apply to any/all bus incidents in line with the School's Student Discipline Policy.

4 Incident Notification

- 4.1.1 The initial response to any misbehaviour is for the incident/s to be reported to the School Bus Services Administrator who will refer the matter to the appropriate staff member for investigation. Upon prompt investigation of the incident, students will receive appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the School's Student Disciplinary Policy with parents/guardians notified.
- 4.1.2 Safety concerns or incidents should be reported immediately to the School.

5 Safety Tips

5.1 Children should:

- Stand a safe distance back from the curb when waiting for a bus.
- Ensure they wait calmly and patiently for their bus and do not push or crowd forward as the bus comes to a stop.
- Move towards the bus only when it has stopped, and the doors have opened.
- Stay in the same seat with bags placed under their seat.
- Follow the instructions of the driver.
- Sit quietly on the bus and not distract the bus driver or engage in behaviour that will disturb and attract the attention of other passengers.
- Not harass other passengers.
- Keep all body parts inside the bus.
- Only move from their seat when the bus has come to a complete stop.
- Ensure they do not cross the road in front of or directly behind the bus after disembarking their bus.
- Students should wait until the bus has cleared the stop and they have clear vision in both directions to ensure it is safe before crossing.

5.2 Parents/guardians should:

- Drop off or wait for their child/ren on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Park away from the designated bus stop area to ensure there is sufficient distance available for the bus to safely pull into and exit its stop.
- Not approach students, other parents, or the bus driver if they have any issues or concerns.
- Direct all concerns or issues they have to the School as stated in Section 4.
- Arrange and communicate any change requests e.g. changes to the bus stop their child accesses to the School only, not the Bus driver.
- Advise the School Bus Services Administrator if their child/ren will be changing a stop on their allocated route as a permanent stop change.
- Not board the bus under any circumstances.
- Be mindful of the amenity of residences close to bus stops as many bus stops are in residential areas. Please do not park in or across driveways or on nature strips.

6 Authorisation



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