



Behavioural expectations for students using school buses

To make sure the bus is a safe place for everyone, all students must follow these behaviours:

1. Students must sit down straight away and remain in their seats for the entire journey. If standing, always stay behind the driver, stand quietly, and do not push or move around the bus.
2. Do not eat, drink, vape or smoke on the bus.
3. Don't throw objects inside or out of the bus.
4. Use socially acceptable language when talking to the driver and/or other students, and speak quietly to not distract the driver.
5. Respect bus property, equipment, shelters and signs (e.g. do not stand on seats, remove labels, graffiti or vandalise the bus in any way). Put your rubbish in the bin or take it with you when you leave.
6. Students must not harass, bully, or abuse other passengers or the driver in any way (neither verbally nor physically).
7. Students must respect others' property and not interfere with it in any way.
8. Students will listen to and always follow the requirements and instructions of the bus driver and the teacher/s on duty.
9. Students must not engage in any behaviour that could put other passengers, the driver, or themselves at risk.
10. Students must not allow any portion of their body to protrude out of bus windows or doors.

Students who choose to behave in an unsafe and/or unacceptable manner will risk being banned from the bus



Boarding

- ◆ Wait for the bus well back from the road
- ◆ Signal the driver as the bus approaches
- ◆ Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before approaching and boarding
- ◆ Form an orderly line when waiting
- ◆ If seated, put your bag (and anything else you are carrying) on your lap or under the seat in front of you
- ◆ If there are no empty seats, fill the bus from the back first. Put your bag on the floor and hold on to a seat-back or handrail



Getting Off the Bus

- ◆ Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before standing up and getting off
- ◆ Carry your bag in front of you so it does not get caught in the door
- ◆ Do not leave the bus by the emergency exits (unless directed to)
- ◆ Get off the bus in an orderly fashion (no pushing or shoving)
- ◆ If you need to cross the road, find a safe place, wait until the bus has moved away and you can see clearly up and down the road, then cross