



NAME OF SCHOOL

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### 1. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

School buses are among the safest ways of traveling to and from school. Good habits and practices will not only ensure that we maintain our safety record but that everyone feels safe on or around the bus.

The bus services benefit the entire school community and it is important that we recognise the value of the service and what we can all do to have them operate safely, effectively and fairly.

As the School Principal, I support the right of all students to feel safe on their journeys to and from the School; I support the efforts of all parties - operators, drivers, staff, parents and students - to ensure the safe use of public transport services; and I endorse the Code of Behaviour outlined below and believe that it is consistent with and complements our School's Code of Behaviour.

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School Principal *(signed)*

### 2. BUS OPERATOR/DRIVER

As the Driver/Operator, I understand how important it is that I retain the confidence and support of the School Community. In delivering services I, and anyone who drives for me, will:

- *Respect all passengers who use my bus and their property.*
- *Operate the bus in a safe and appropriate fashion at all times.*
- *Behave and communicate in a professional and courteous manner towards all.*
- *Administer the rules governing travel on my buses fairly, consistently and impartially.*

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Bus Operators/Drivers *(signed)*

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### 3. STUDENTS

I understand that my attitude and behaviour not only affects my own safety and wellbeing but also the comfort, safety and wellbeing of others. While traveling on the school bus(es):

**I WILL:**

- Board/exit the bus in an orderly manner and behave safely at all times.
- If directed by the driver, occupy a particular seat and sit properly.
- Respect bus property and the property of others by not marking or damaging it.
- Accept the driver is in charge and obey his or her instructions.
- Place my bag/s under the seat or in the storage areas provided.
- Wait until the bus has moved off before I attempt to cross the road.

**I WILL NOT:**

- Physically or verbally harass other passengers, or the driver.
- Create unnecessary noise or move about while the bus is in motion.
- Extend any part of my body out of the windows.
- Throw any object either inside, or outside the bus.
- Eat or drink while on the bus without the permission of the driver.
- Distract the bus driver from his or her duties.
- Carry illegal, oversize and/or dangerous objects.
- Obstruct the aisle, doors or emergency exits.
- Cross the road in front of the bus.

### 4. PARENTS

I acknowledge that traveling on the school bus is a privilege that contributes to the safety of my child(ren) on part, but not the whole of the journey between home and school.

If walking my child(ren) to and from the bus stop, **I WILL:**

- Deliver and collect my child(ren) on the same side of the road/highway as they board/alight from the bus

If I drive my child(ren) to and from the nearest bus stop **I WILL NOT:**

- Park on the opposite side of the road/highway from the bus stop. If I must park on the opposite side of the road, I will do so in a safe location and cross the road in order to meet my child(ren) and escort them safely back to my car.

I understand the above code of behaviour. I also understand that failure to comply may place others at risk. I also understand that persistent misbehaviour may result in a student being suspended from travel on the bus. If my child is suspended I understand that I will be responsible for transporting my child to school

I.....(parent/guardians) and my child/children understand and agree to the above conditions.

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Parent/Guardian,

(signed)

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Dated



**Please return this form to your bus driver.**