



## **BUS POLICY**

Many children use bus transport to and from school. When travelling between home and school, students must adhere to various regulations regarding passenger behaviour and the Code of Conduct for travel by bus and rail developed by the NSW Ministry of Transport.

### **Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses**

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

#### **Behaving appropriately**

- respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (e.g. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking - except water - unless the bus operator gives written permission)
- give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers
- adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
- obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
- refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency

#### **Respecting property**

- protect bus property
- ensure that buses are not vandalised
- report any vandalism e.g. graffiti and window etching

#### **Holding passes**

- show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
- use the travel pass only for its intended purpose
- 'swipe' or 'dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
- keep your pass for your own use - you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

**Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.**

Buses drop and collect children near the Telopea Street gates. Teachers supervise the children catching buses in the afternoon. Year 6 bus monitors report bad behaviour on the bus to the Principal or Assistant Principals.

Buses are also used for school excursions. Companies with buses fitted with seat belts are used when available.