



STUDENTS CODE OF CONDUCT ON BUSES/VEHICLE

Introduction

The following Code of Conduct sets out acceptable standards of behaviour for students travelling on school buses/vehicle for college related activities.

Students are expected to follow these rules for the safety and comfort of all passengers, including themselves. If the rules are not followed, it may lead to banning the student from travelling on buses, and even police prosecution and court action.

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

- Use of appropriate language, not offensive or racist language
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus/vehicle is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) – unless for medical reasons or the driver gives written permission
- Not bully or harass other passengers or the driver. This includes photographing, making lewd or suggestive comments, acting in a manner, or participating in activities that may be deemed inappropriate or of a sexual nature.
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the driver or other passengers.
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver
- Not allow any part of your body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Obey the law that bans smoking on buses
- Ensure that the bus/vehicle is not vandalised – report any damage, e.g. graffiti and window etching, to the driver
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment and signage

Roles and responsibilities

Students will:

- Behave courteously and respectfully in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- Follow reasonable instructions from the driver
- Report any unsafe or inappropriate behaviour to the driver/PRC staff.

Students may have the following expectations of the bus driver and operator:

- Safe travel
- Be treated with courtesy and respect
- Travel free from verbal and physical abuse or any form of bullying, intimidation, and harassment.

Consequences for breach of the Code of Conduct:

- Depending on the degree of misbehaviour, students may be banned from travelling in the bus/vehicle
- Heavier penalties may apply to students involved in criminal, dangerous or group misbehaviour
- The Principal has the right to take additional disciplinary action against a student under the school's policies related to student behaviour for any breach of this Code of Conduct
- The Police may take action against students in the case of suspected criminal behaviour.

Note:

When an incident of misbehaviour is considered life threatening, the driver will stop the bus/vehicle in a safe area and contact the Police on 000 and/or the Principal and await instructions. Students should be advised to stay in the bus/vehicle, unless they are in danger (e.g. a fire on the bus, toxic fumes or other potential threat), until assistance has arrived.