

# BUS BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES



Parents are asked to reinforce the College expectations regarding behaviour on the buses before they commence using the service.

Foremost in our mind is the need to ensure the well-being and safety of all students on the bus as well as the need to consider others. It is the primary duty of the Bus Driver to drive his vehicle and not have to deal with behaviour management issues.

## Behaviour Guidelines for students travelling on College buses -

### **Good behaviour is expected on the bus at all times**

- Follow directions given by the Bus Driver as well as Bus Monitors
- In buses where seatbelts are fitted, they must be worn at all times
- Students are to remain seated while the bus is moving (unnecessary standing, moving between seats or kneeling on seats is **not** allowed as this is very dangerous if the bus stops suddenly)
- Quiet talk is permitted (but **no** loud behaviour)
- Drinking (preferably water) is allowed; any eating should be finished prior to boarding the bus
- Chewing gum is **not** allowed
- No throwing any object within the bus or from the windows of the bus
- No calling out or making signs through windows to members of the public
- Spraying of deodorant, perfumes, hairspray is not permitted on or near the bus

## Students who DO NOT comply with good behaviour guidelines –

**Junior School Students** whose behaviour is inappropriate will move through the following levels of consequences:

- on the **first** occasion be required to read a book, play an electronic game or other private game sitting next to a Bus Monitor for 2 or 3 days when travelling on the bus and may be required to move seats
- on the **second** occasion be banned from using the College bus for one or two days
- on the **third** occasion be banned from using the bus for a longer period

**Middle & Secondary School Students** whose behaviour is inappropriate will:

- on the **first** occasion be given a warning by the Bus Monitor and may be required to move seats
- students who do not respond appropriately to Bus Monitors may be given a detention
- on the **second** occasion be banned from using the College bus for one or two days
- on the **third** occasion be banned from using the bus for a longer period.

***All students need to heed the directions given by the Bus Monitors. Bus Monitors will report inappropriate behaviour.***

**Where a serious breach of behaviour guidelines occurs, a student may be excluded from bus travel as the immediate consequence. Continued bus misbehaviour will result in permanent exclusion from bus travel.**

It is our wish that students understand the need for considerate and safe behaviour on the buses and conduct themselves appropriately.

Please reinforce these issues with your child/ren.

Thank you for your support in this issue.