



School Bus Service Policy

Bethania Lutheran School commits to provide a bus service to parents in order to assist them with the transport of students to and from school. The safety of our students is of paramount importance to us. In order for us to ensure a safe journey, our students are expected to adhere to the bus code of conduct at all times (see attached document). This code of conduct must be signed by both students and parents and we will work with you to ensure that your students arrive at school on time, and in safety.

The primary job of our bus drivers is to safely drive our buses and navigate traffic in all sorts of weather and road conditions. For this reason, students who travel on the bus must be *capable of regulating their own behaviour* in such a way so as not to distract our drivers from this very important task. Therefore prep students and students who have behavioural or developmental issues will not be able to access the bus service except under prior negotiation with the Deputy Principal. These students may also be eligible for provisional and/or conditional access to the service;

Provisional Access – provisional access to bus services is a trial period of access to assess a student's ability to travel safely on the bus. During provisional access the student's behaviour and wellbeing are monitored closely by both the bus driver and the Deputy Principal. At the end of the provisional period an assessment will be made as to the suitability of the student to continue to use the service. A student may undergo more than one period of provisional access if deemed necessary. Students who have been asked to discontinue accessing bus services for any reason will automatically be required to begin a provisional period upon their return to use of the service.

Conditional Access – On occasions some students may be granted conditional access to bus services. Conditions may include, but are not limited to; distance restrictions, daily and/or weekly time limits for travel, and/or restricted days for travel.

The aim of this policy is to ensure equitable access to all, and at all times ensure the safety of our students.

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Bus Code of Conduct

Bethania Lutheran School provides the bus to assist parents in transporting their children to and from school. The following Bus Code of Conduct is based on the School's Code of Conduct principles of Care, Courtesy, Respect and Responsibility.

It is a requirement of the school that all students agree to the Code of Conduct as set out below. Consequences of non-compliance with the code may result in a student not being able to ride on the bus.

Students are to:

Respect other people and property

Students are required to:

- Treat other people and their possessions with respect.
- Follow bus driver's instructions without argument.
- Not interfere with bus or other people's property.

Wait for the bus in an orderly manner

Students are required to:

- Stand quietly without calling out or shouting.
- Not push other people in line.

While on the bus conduct yourself in an orderly manner

Students are required to:

- Always follow instructions from the driver.
- Sit properly on the bus.
- Wear the seat belt supplied.
- Store school bags under the seat.
- Speak quietly.

Get off the bus in an orderly manner

Students are required to:

- Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off.
- Get off the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion.
- Never cross the road in front of the bus.

We agree to support and uphold the Bethania Lutheran School Bus Code of Conduct. We understand that if the code is not followed, it may mean that a student will be suspended from using the bus.

Signed

Parent/Guardian

Student