



St Patrick's Parish Primary School

'Give Yourself to Goodness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety of all road users is our concern and it is imperative that bus drivers are not distracted by inappropriate student behaviour. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate the current bus rules with your child / children at home please.

1. Stay in your seat at all times until you arrive at school or at your stop.
2. Talk quietly to the people around you so the driver is not distracted.
3. Keep your bag under the seats, under your feet or in your lap. This will keep the aisles clear and minimise any temptation for others to touch your personal belongings.
4. Listen to and obey the bus driver's directions.
5. Respect all other students and the driver on the bus.
6. Arrive at your bus stop on time and stand clear until the bus has come to a complete stop.
7. Always wait for the bus to leave when you are dropped off before crossing the road.
8. Go to the bus line quickly at the end of the school day and be ready to have your name ticked off.
9. If you are sitting in a seat on your own and somebody asks to sit next to you, you must let them sit down.
10. Enjoy your trip.

REMEMBER ALSO...

Electronic devices used on the buses **ARE YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY.** The school accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of these items.

Current consequences for inappropriate behaviour on the buses are as follows:

1. First warning.
2. Bus driver or bus coordinator will choose a seat for your child to sit in for a defined period of time, depending on the behaviour. Parents will be notified of this.
3. Parents notified and suspension from the bus for one day.
4. Parents notified and suspension from the bus for more than one day. The length of time will vary depending on the level of misbehaviour. A meeting will be held with the Deputy Principal, Principal and Parents, outlining appropriate behaviours and expectations, prior to the child returning to the bus.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring these rules and consequences are followed. This will ensure that all our students and your child / children arrive at school and return home safely each day.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Sanderson
Deputy Principal