



# GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

BUILDING FUTURE READY CITIZENS

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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## School Bus Information for Parents and Students – 2020

*Welcome to the school and travel on the buses. It is appropriate that we inform you of our expectations and rules regarding behaviour of students on school buses. From time to time issues arise about the behaviour of students on school buses. In general most students are reasonable, considerate and adhere to the basic principles of courtesy and common sense. Our expectations are basically no different from those expected of students in the school yard where normal school rules apply, as expected in the general community.*

**School Bus Rules:** *Rules for travelling by bus are simple and easy. They are set so that all users can travel in safety and comfort. Students have contributed to their development.*

### For Students

- The bus driver is the person responsible for safety and discipline of students and passengers.
- Students must not attempt to cross a road after alighting from a bus at a bus stop until the bus has left the stop and the view of any on-coming traffic is clear.
- In fairness to all travellers, students must be punctual to the pick-up times notified.
- Students are reminded that it is a breach of the Road Traffic Act to have any part of your body outside the bus or to throw things from a bus.
- Students are not to get off the bus at any (other than their normal) stop or campus without written permission of their parents or caregivers.
- While on the bus students must remain seated and **not** change seats.
- School Administrators will allocate seats to students if there are issues associated with behaviour.
- The driver and/or students should not move from their seats until the bus has stopped and doors are opened.
- Eating is not permitted on school buses. Students may wish to have a drink and snack before or after the bus journey.
- Common courtesy between and towards the bus driver and other passengers is expected at all times.

### Parents we seek your cooperation with the following:-

- Speed limit past stationary buses that are picking up or dropping off students is 25km/h.
- If your child is being dropped off or picked up at a different stop to usual the driver needs a signed note explaining this.
- If you are picking up your child from the bus or dropping them off please wait on the same side of the road as the bus to avoid the necessity of students crossing the road.
- Bus routes and pick up points are fixed. They may be altered from time to time as negotiated between the school and those involved. Prior warning will be given.
- There are a few occasions where contingency arrangements come into play because of bus breakdowns or emergencies. For example, there are rare occasions when drivers will return students to school, rather than leave them in an unsafe situation, such as in dangerous weather or traffic conditions. I remind families that in the case of a bushfire endangering a school bus route, the bus will remain at school and students will be supervised until it is considered safe for the bus to leave. Students will be able to leave the school if collected by parents or a responsible adult (with written permission from the parents concerned).
- If buses leave the school and find that there is a fire along the route, they will not allow students to disembark unless parents are waiting to collect them. In situations where a breakdown or emergency occurs, it is best to ring the school to obtain relevant information. Some students have their own mobile phones, which in times of emergency are also a useful resource.
- **When a Code Red (Catastrophic) weather warning applies, no out of town buses will run. Grant High School will remain open, so families will be required, as directed by the government, to make their own arrangements for getting students to and from school.**

**Seat Belts:** Buses are now fitted with seat belts and it is law that all passengers must wear seat belts at all times whilst travelling in a bus, just as is the case for all vehicles. Very significant fines can be issued to passengers who are not wearing a seat belt.

There is no room to negotiate the wearing of seat belts on buses; it is compulsory and a direct instruction from the school. Students who choose not to comply with this will have their right to travel on a bus removed. Families are asked to follow this issue up at home and explain that this is compulsory.

We aim to provide a bus service in which each passenger travels in comfort and safety. The consequence of student misbehaviour on the bus may result in the student(s) involved being suspended from the bus for a period of time. This will mean that parents will be responsible for the transportation of the students to and from the school. Actions which jeopardise the safety or well being of others on the buses or bring the school into disrepute are unacceptable and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Yours sincerely

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## **FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL STUDENTS** **TRAVELLING BY SCHOOL BUSES** **URGENT INFORMATION FOR FIRE BAN SEASON**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE – FIRE BAN – BUSHFIRE RISK – CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE RISK**

### **LOWER SOUTH EAST FIRE BAN DISTRICT – SCHOOL BUSES**

When a day of **CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER** is declared **the day before** then:

1. **Other than town buses, all buses bringing students into town from surrounding areas will be cancelled.**
2. Information regarding site closures and therefore cancellation of buses will be broadcast on ABC radio 1161 **just before 6am, 6.30am, 7am, and 7.30am.**

Note that Grant High School will remain open for those parents who choose to have their children attend school.

**When a day of CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATING is forecast on the morning of the day of the conditions affected sites will remain open and buses will operate as usual unless advised otherwise by the authorised Emergency Services personnel.**

### **CANCELLATION OF AFTERNOON BUSES DUE TO ADVERSE CONDITIONS**

**In the event of fires threatening a bus OR bus routes** – any affected buses WILL NOT be permitted to leave the school until it is declared safe by the CFS. Children will be kept at school and cared for by staff, volunteers and welfare services for as long as is necessary. Parents / caregivers will be contacted as soon as practically possible.

Children will be released only to:

1. their parents
2. to other persons authorized by the parents:
  - In writing
  - Documented phone call

### **ACTIVITIES DURING EXTREME TEMPERATURES (WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN)**

On days of extreme heat (above 36c) we will carry out a risk assessment to determine if any excursions that are planned outside of the school will proceed. If a fire ban day is declared in our district, staff and students must remain on site for the day.



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