

NARACOORTE SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS BUS POLICY

To ensure the safety of everyone on the school bus at all times.

Please realise that the issues raised in this policy are based on common sense and requires cooperation between all parties to achieve a safe situation on the buses.

WHEN TRAVELLING ON THE BUS ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY.

REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON THE SCHOOL BUS: ALWAYS WAIT SAFELY FOR THE BUS

- When waiting for the bus keep well back from the roadside.
- Do not play or run around at the bus stop.
- Do not wander away from the bus stop.

ALWAYS TRAVEL SAFELY ON THE BUS

- Follow all directions given by the driver the first time they are given.
- Keep all parts of your body and all objects inside the bus.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Don't distract the driver except in an emergency
- All sports equipment is to be in school bags or left at the front of the bus.
- All school bags to be stored under the seats.
- Talk quietly on the bus.
- Do not swear, use rude gestures, or tease anyone on the bus.
- Do not litter, write on or damage the bus in any way. Any damage or vandalism caused by you on the bus will be repaired and your parents/guardians billed.
- When directed sit in set seats.
- Where possible pre-school and younger children will have designated seats towards the front of the bus for their safety and supervision.
- Stay in your seat with your feet on the floor while the bus is moving until the bus reaches your set down point and stops.
- When the bus has completely stopped, alight in a safe and orderly manner

ALWAYS TAKE CARE WHEN GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS

- After getting off the bus, wait for the bus to move away before going to meet your parents or to cross the road.
- Make sure you have a clear view of any traffic coming from either direction before you cross the road. Remember cars/trucks travel at high speeds on highways and certain roads - a car or truck travelling at 100kph covers 28metres (more than twice the length of a big bus) in 1 second!
- If running late to catch the bus, always walk behind the bus to board it.
- Choose the safest place to cross the road, and wait and watch until the traffic is clear.

CONSEQUENCES FOR UNSAFE AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

- Warning
- Move to the front of the bus for the remainder of the trip
- Sit in a designated seat

Further misbehaviour can result in a student being suspended from bus travel. It becomes the parents' responsibility to get their students to and from school.

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENSURE SAFE BUS TRAVEL

- Parents are responsible for their children's safety and behaviour on their way from home to the bus stop, at the stop and on their way from the bus stop to home.
- Parents are responsible for informing the bus driver if their child requires a health care plan and for supplying the driver with a copy of the plan.

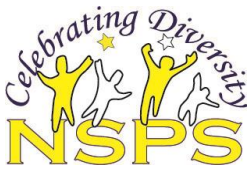


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KEY SAFETY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

- Allow sufficient time to safely leave and meet your child at the bus stop.
- Be on time for the bus at the pick up time.
- The safest place to park a car at the bus stop is on the bus stop side of the road away from bends, crests or corners.
- Where practical, children should get into and out of the car on the side away from the road.
- Reinforce school bus and road safety rules with your children in a way that best suits them individually.
- Promote safe practices in and around school buses in your local community and with visitors.
- The speed limit past a stationary school bus is 25km per hour.

If your child is not travelling home on the bus or there are any changes to regular travel, including sleepovers, birthday parties and sports practice, a note needs to be sent to school and/or the bus driver informed.

Students who do not normally catch a particular bus are required to seek written permission from their site where they will be issued with a bus pass that is to be given to the bus driver as they board the bus. It is the parent's responsibility to contact the bus driver to ensure there is room on the bus for extra passengers.

DRIVERS RESPONSIBILITIES (as regards behaviour on the school bus)

To ensure the **safety** and behaviour of students while they are entering, travelling in and alighting from the bus, and report continued or serious misbehaviour to the Principal.

BUS ORGANISATION

- Timetables are issued to all families each term.
- Bus drivers are responsible for marking the bus roll as children board and alight from the bus.

Safety

- Buses carry fire extinguishers and First Aid kits.
- Emergency exit windows are at the rear of the buses or where marked.
- The buses are serviced every month and major inspections take place every 10000 km.

In addition, School Bus examiners carry out detailed inspections twice yearly.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In the event of an emergency such as a bushfire buses may not run. If this is the case local authorities will advise the sites. As soon as it is practical to do so parents will be informed.

In the event of an emergency / accident bus drivers will follow the EMERGENCY PROCEDURES that are clearly displayed in each bus.

TRAVEL IN OTHER PARENTS CARS

In the event of a bus not running as scheduled, parents are strongly advised not to carry other students in their vehicles without express parental permission on that occasion, as there are serious legal implications.

Immediately notify the principal of any unsafe school bus situations or practices. Students with concerns should speak to either their parents or to the Principal.

The information above has been distributed to all parents / caregivers of students attending sites who utilise our buses in the interests of road safety for bus travellers, and all road users.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding bus travel please contact your site's bus co-ordinator:

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