

Waimate High School

Learning for Life



WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Parents,

This notice is to give information to parents of country students using school buses on matters concerning their children while they travel to and from school, and at school.

The use of school buses is not an entitlement to students but is a service that is available to those who are prepared to follow the simple rules and regulations laid down by the Ministry of Education which are imposed to maintain safety and efficiency on the bus runs.

BUS ROLLS

Only students whose names are on the Bus Rolls are entitled to travel using a school bus service.

The rolls are checked regularly and copies are held by the Ministry of Education. Parents wishing to make special arrangements for any bus run should consult the Bus Controller.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Arrangements have been made with bus operators to have buses arriving at school in time for morning school. Most buses leave promptly after school, allowing students only about five minutes to collect possessions after the last period of the day.

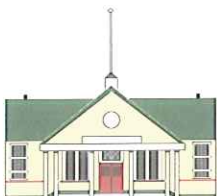
Sometimes students accidentally miss the homeward bus. They should report promptly to the teacher on bus duty, to the Bus Controller, or to the Deputy Principal so that parents can be notified and arrangements can be made to get the student home. If there are changes to scheduled routes and/or times students will be informed by the bus drivers.

PUNCTUALITY

Once Bus Runs become established each year drivers attempt to maintain a regular service and to arrive at each bus stop by a certain time. This is of course influenced by weather and road conditions. Students should arrive at their stop **five minutes** before their normal pick-up time. If the family is not going to use the service one day, advise the driver in advance, or notify a passenger to give the message to the driver before the bus stop. This avoids delays.

AT THE BUS STOP

Throughout New Zealand many accidents occur on bus stops – this can occur when students are attempting to board or alight from the bus before it is stopped, or crossing the road before the bus has travelled sufficient distance to give clear vision of the road and approaching traffic. Where students gather to meet the bus, patient behaviour is expected and surrounding property is to be respected.



**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
REAL HONESTY**
THE FOUNDATIONS OF SOLID RELATIONSHIPS

BEHAVIOUR ON BUSES

Students are expected to travel on the bus each day in a responsible manner. Stay in an appointed seat and talk quietly.

Misbehaviour can be a danger to everyone and so is treated as a serious school disciplinary matter, and is answerable to the Bus Controller and Deputy Principal.

In extreme cases of misconduct a student can be forbidden to use the school bus service.

IN EMERGENCIES

In the case of floods or equivalent emergency, parents in the country have special knowledge of road conditions.

If there are reasons why a bus should not travel a regular route, please advise the Bus Controller, the Driver, or the Deputy Principal.

Remember, many of the buses leave the depot before 7.30 a.m.

In the event of breakdowns etc., a chain of communications along the bus route will be attempted.

AT SCHOOL

Bus students are expected to remain on the school campus during the day and are not free to wander into town as they wish.

If parents require their children to do messages during the lunch-hour, they can be given a lunch pass by the duty teacher upon the receipt of a parent signed note.

HI-VIS VESTS

Please contact me at Waimate High School if you want to borrow a Hi-Vis vest for the year for your child to wear at the bus stop. There is no cost for this and it is highly recommended that your child wear a vest when being picked up and dropped off at bus stops.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All bus queries should be directed to the Bus Controller.

Messages can be left with the School Office.

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