Nathalia Primary School

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY
POLICY

Rationale:
Safe school bus travel is a whole community concern. The following simple code of conduct for students has been prepared to maintain the State’s good safety record.

Aims:
Students will:
• Behave in an orderly fashion while waiting at the bus stop
• Listen to and follow driver’s instructions
• Remain seated for the whole journey
• Talk quietly while travelling, and NO calling out to passing traffic
• When leaving the bus, wait on the same side of the road until the bus has left the bus stop and, if necessary, cross the road only when there is a clear view of the traffic in both directions.

Students will not:
• Distract the attention of the driver by engaging in any unacceptable behaviour such as yelling out or making loud noises
• Fight on the bus or at any bus stop coordination point
• Harass the driver or any other passenger on the bus
• Use foul or abusive language
• Vandalise the bus
• Throw litter, or any other object, in or from a bus
• Allow any part of his / her body to protrude from a bus
• Smoke on the bus
• Use or take on the bus, any alcohol or illegal drugs
• Play on the roadway
• Approach a bus until it has completely stopped
• Attempt to board or leave a bus while it is moving
• Actions resulting from inappropriate behaviour:
• Students will have warning issued from Driver or Principal regarding inappropriate behaviour.
• Second occurrence will result in meeting with student to discuss behaviours and possible future consequences.
• Third occurrence will result in parent being contacted regarding ongoing issues.
• Fourth occurrence will result in parent meeting to discuss continued bus travel for student.

Implementation:
If a student is removed from bus travel due to inappropriate or unsafe behaviour, it is the responsibility of the parent to continue to transport the student to school. It is a legal requirement that all children of primary school age attend school.
This policy will be sent home to every household, on an annual basis, new enrolments during the year will also receive a copy.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... November 2012

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