

EMERSON SCHOOL TRANSPORT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS.

Emerson students have the privilege of travelling to and from school on Government contracted buses that are provided free of charge to students living within the school zone. It is important that students appreciate this wonderful service by displaying politeness and good manners at all times while travelling on the bus. It is expected that all students will abide by the following rules to ensure a safe and happy journey is experienced by all.

BUS RULES

1. Students will stay seated in the seat allocated to them by the supervisor. (*The supervisor will have the right to move a child to another seat if a safety issue arises as a result of misbehaviour on the bus.*)
2. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves.
3. Students may talk quietly to the person next to them.

MANAGEMENT OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

Staff will elect 6 responsible students to be the Bus Captains. These people will write the names of well-behaved students in a raffle ticket book. All tickets will go into 6 clearly marked containers. One ticket from each bus will be drawn from the containers at assembly every Friday and the students named will be given a small prize. One student from each bus, who has consistently shown that they can travel in a safe and positive manner, will receive a prize at the last assembly of the year. The Grenda's Bus Company management have very kindly offered to provide these awards and will be involved with the presentation of them at our final assembly for the year. .

MANAGEMENT OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The management of Grenda's Bus Company and Emerson School will keep in regular contact to ensure that communication on bus issues is of the highest level.

Unacceptable behaviour will be managed in the following way;

1. Unacceptable behaviour will be reported by bus staff to the school.
2. The named students will be spoken to and consequences will be applied.
3. Parents will be asked to collaborate with school and bus staff to ensure that inappropriate bus behaviour is eradicated.
4. If poor behaviour on the bus continues, an official warning will be given to the student's family indicating that the student is at risk of being suspended from the bus.
5. If poor behaviour continues, the student may be suspended from bus travel for **THREE DAYS**. This suspension will be invoked by the Bus Company and the school acting together.
6. **The Bus Company has an obligation to ensure the safety of all passengers and the vehicle. Consequently the Bus Company has the right to exclude any passenger at any time, if that passenger is deemed to pose a threat to the safety of bus travel.**
7. If a student is suspended for three lots of three days in a calendar year, the school and Bus Company may suspend the student off the bus on a permanent basis. It is hoped that ongoing conferencing between the Bus Company, parents and the school would avoid this permanent expulsion.