

SAFETY OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES

GENERAL RULES

1. The high standard of behaviour we have of students at PNINS is expected of all students on a school bus.
2. Students are not allowed to board moving buses.
3. Students must always board from the bus by the passenger door. The door on the driver's side must not be used by students except in cases of emergency.
4. Students are not permitted to stand in front of or at the side of the driver.
5. **On leaving the bus, students must wait on the side of the road until the vehicle has moved off (say, two telegraph poles distance) so that they may have clear view of the road before crossing.**
6. Students must keep clear of the bus when it is being turned or reversed.
7. In the event of a breakdown, where children must leave the bus (eg punctured tyre), they must stand clear of the bus and off the road.
8. Except in an emergency, students must not leave the bus between their homes and their school without first getting permission.
9. Only personal belongings required by students for school use should be carried on buses.
10. Students must not leave the waiting area while waiting for their bus.
11. If you want a friend to travel home with you to stay the night etc you must present a note to the bus driver two days before to get permission.
No student will be allowed on buses if they are not on the bus roll unless prior permission has been obtained as indicated.
12. **No student is permitted to get off the bus at any bus stop to go to the dairy. (eg PNBHS)**

BEHAVIOUR THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE ON BUSES INCLUDES:

- graffiti and/or damage to the bus
- littering or throwing anything out of the windows
- excessive noise or unnecessary movement in the bus
- rude or abusive behaviour /language
- bullying, violence or threatening behaviour
- damaging or stealing property
- possessing or using tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances, either at school or away from school, while wearing our uniform
- disruptive behaviour
- defiance

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom.

PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH MISDEMEANOURS

Bus Students who do not behave on School Buses will:

Step 1 Be spoken to about the need to respect the rights of other passengers and the driver so that everyone on the bus can travel safely to and from their school.

A verbal warning and / or a consequence will be given to the student.

Step 2 Should there be a repetition of any type of unacceptable behaviour the parent of the student will be rung and the student and parent may be asked to come to an interview with the Deputy Principal or Principal.

The outcome could well result in the parent of the student being required to find alternative transport to and from school for their child for a period of one week or longer.

The length of time for the stand down from travel to and from school will be at the discretion of the Principal.

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- The parent of any student, who damages a bus or puts the safety of other students at risk, will be contacted as soon as possible and the behaviour may result in the student having the right to travel on the bus withdrawn immediately.
 - For severe misbehaviour and behaviour that puts the safety of other students at risk then the above steps are short-circuited and disciplinary action will be taken.

We ask that you read through this notice and discuss the matters raised with your child. We know that we can expect your support in ensuring the safety of **all** students travelling on your child's school bus.

Would you please complete and sign the attached form to verify that your son/daughter is eligible to travel on the school bus and that you have read and this newsletter about school bus regulations.