



10.2.3 Bus

Rationale:

- Student behaviour on and around buses, and the efficiency of bus services are of vital importance to student safety. It is important to run an effective bus service.

Aims:

- To ensure that students travelling to and from our School by buses do so safely, and in a manner consistent with Department of Education policies and regulations.
- To ensure bussing issues are dealt with effectively and efficiently.

Implementation:

- The North West Christian School is a contractor for the Department of State Growth. Students are eligible to receive bus travel to school in two categories:
 - free travel if a student holds a “Green Pass”
 - fee paying travel (the school covers the fee in levies).
- Accreditation is held until 2018, with yearly reviews.
- Students attending North West Christian School are also eligible for a Conveyance Allowance so long as they attend the nearest school, no bus service is available and they live more than 4.8 kilometres from the School, or they live more than 4.8 kilometres from the nearest bus stop.
- The School owns:
 - ONE (1) Bonluck 37 seater bus (fitted with seat belts)
 - ONE (1) Mitsubishi Rosa 24 seater bus (fitted with seat belts)
- Our School will designate a staff member as the bus coordinator. They will undertake all responsibilities associated with bus travel by students.
- Our School bus coordinator will ensure all students travelling regularly by bus undertake revision of bus safety rules and procedures at the commencement of Terms 1 and 3 each year. (See attached Bus Handbook)
- Consequences for misbehaviour will be consistent with the Behaviour Management Policy, and may lead to suspension from using the bus service.
- The School’s teachers on duty will supervise the departure of buses from the School at the conclusion of each school day, including marking each child against an attendance roll.
- Buses will not depart until given permission to do so by the teacher on duty.
- Close liaison between the School coordinator and the bus companies must be maintained.
- Each bus will have a bus monitor. (See Bus Handbook for details of Bus Monitor position).

Evaluation:

This procedure will be reviewed as part of the School’s five-year review cycle, or whenever a significant change in bus operations occurs, or after every significant bus related incident.