



BUS USE CONDITIONS

Bus drivers will no longer answer phone calls whilst on their respective runs. We advise parents/care providers to send a text message prior to the run commencing should you need to make contact with the driver. Replies will only take place when the bus is stationary at a designated drop-off point.

Parents/care providers are requested to inform the bus driver prior to 06:30AM of any changes of pick-up circumstances that will affect that morning's bus run, and prior to 02:30PM of any change to drop-off circumstances that will affect that afternoon's run.

Students should be at their designated pick-up points five minutes prior to their appointed pick-up time.

For change in transport arrangement, parents/care providers advised to make contact with the bus driver between 06:30AM – 08:30AM and 02:30PM – 04:30PM, e.g. situation – drop at another location for doctor appointment where parent/care provider will be waiting.

1. Morning times and locations – departure times for individual stop provided by bus driver to parent/care provider:
 - a. Student needs to be at the pick-up point prior to the departure time provided by the driver;
 - b. The bus will not depart each stop prior to the designated time;
 - c. If the student is not at the bus stop at the designated time, the bus will depart without the student and parent/care provider will need to make alternative arrangements for the student/s to get to school, e.g.
 - i. Parent/care provider drives ahead of the bus to a stop which is yet to collect by bus
 - ii. Parent/care provider drives student/s to school.
2. Afternoon times and locations – these times may vary due to weather conditions, traffic conditions, accidents and long weekend traffic:
 - a. Junior School students
 - i. If parent/care provider is not waiting for the bus arrival, the driver will keep the student on the bus until the parent/care provider can catch up with the bus and is waiting at a later bus stop to collect their child;
 - ii. If the Junior School student does not have an older Middle/Senior School sibling to ensure they both arrive home, the bus driver will keep the student on the bus until the parent/care provider can catch up with the bus and is waiting at a later bus stop to collect their child.
3. In both cases of 2a(i) and 2a(ii) above, the parent/care provider, is hereby advised the Junior school student will be kept on the bus and returned to the College Administration Office at the end of the scheduled run.

4. Bus drivers will not contact the parent/care provider until the bus arrives back at the College and the student is at the Administration Office. This ensures the safety of the student, not being left alone on a street, ensuring they remain in a safe environment at all times.

Department of Transport Legislation states the bus driver is not responsible for any passenger caught not wearing a seat belt. Consequently, the parent/care provider of any student questioned by Police or Department of Transport Inspector, and found to be non-compliant with Legislation, will personally be responsible for the \$330 fine and 3 demerit points, not the bus driver.

If you require any further clarification on the information above, please contact the College Transport Coordinator, Nick Hill-Murray on 0429 175 070, or via safety@plc.qld.edu.au.