



SCHOOL BUS RULES / EXPECTATIONS FOR ANY BUS TRAVEL

At Maitland Lutheran School we are proud of the behaviour standards of our students. We work hard with parents and students to make sure our school is a safe and happy place of learning. We have the same behaviour expectations of our students on the buses as we do at school and encourage our students to help the bus drivers maintain their full focus on driving safely by being well behaved when on a bus.

These rules apply for all students requiring bus travel throughout the year (eg excursions, camps etc) not only to those students who travel to and from school daily.

Please read the following bus rules with your child and support us and the bus drivers in keeping the students safe in their transport to and from school daily or when other bus travel is required.

1. Be polite and courteous to the bus drivers at all times – the drivers always appreciate a good morning or a good afternoon when entering the bus and a thank you when leaving.
2. **NO FOOD or DRINKS** allowed to be consumed on the bus. Students may have a water bottle and the following non-messy snacks only; muesli bar / milo bar / oat bar or similar ONLY. All rubbish from snacks must be stored back in your school bag.
3. Remain seated until the bus reaches your bus stop. If seat belts are fitted, they are to be worn at all times. Do not change your seat unless given specific instruction by the bus driver or a teacher.
4. Keep noise levels down by talking sensibly and quietly to students around you. Shouting to others on the bus is not permitted.
5. All parts of your body are to remain in the bus as are your possessions and rubbish.
6. Be on time at your bus stop in the morning and be prompt in getting to bus lines and line up with your assigned partner at the end of the day.
7. After getting off the bus, remain on the roadside until the bus has moved away and always use the pedestrian crossings where available.
8. Remember that you represent our school when on the bus and that we look forward to our students displaying the same high standards of behaviour on the bus as they do at school.
9. Respect others property and right to travel in comfort.

In the unfortunate case that a student doesn't comply with these rules the behaviour will be followed up at school and a bus behaviour contract may be sent home. Serious or repeat behaviour breaches may result in suspension from the bus and/or exclusion from the outing.

Please keep these rules at home to refer to if required.