

BUS TRAVEL POLICY

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS – QLD TRANSPORT BUS TRAVEL

Each bus service conveying school students has a set of rules or code of conduct that all school students are expected to adhere to. To make clear to students the standards of behaviour expected of them when travelling on buses, Queensland Transport has developed in consultation with bus operators, school organisations and parent groups, a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will apply to all students travelling on buses throughout Queensland. Inappropriate behaviour by a student at a bus interchange may also be regarded as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR OF STUDENTS

Respect other people and property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat other people and their possessions with respect. • Follow the bus driver's directions without argument. • Do not interfere with bus property, equipment, shelters and signs by marking or damaging them in any way.
Wait for the bus in an orderly manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait well back from the bus until it stops and allow other passengers to leave the bus first. • Stand quietly without calling out or shouting. • Do not push other people in the line.
Whilst on the bus, conduct yourself in an orderly manner	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always follow instructions from the driver about safety on the bus. • Show their bus pass, ticket or ID upon request. • Sit properly on a seat if one is available (in an allocated seat if directed by the driver). • If standing, remain in the area designated by the driver. • Store school bags under the seat or in appropriate luggage areas. • Speak quietly and not create unnecessary noise. <p>Students must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bully other students. • Place feet on the seats. • Fight, spit or use offensive language. • Throw any article round or from the bus. • Consume food or drink or play music without permission of the driver. • Smoke (prohibited on all buses). • Allow any portion of their body to protrude out of the bus windows. • Stand forward of the front seat.
Use designated stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of students to disembark at their correct designated stop.

When alighting from the bus, do so in an orderly manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off.• Alight from the Bus in quiet and orderly fashion.• Never cross the road in front of the bus. Wait until the bus has moved away and it is safe to do so.• Use crossings or traffic lights if available.
In the case of emergency or a breakdown, follow the driver's directions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wait until the bus stops before standing to get off.• Leave the bus in a quiet and orderly fashion.• Wait in the area indicated by the driver.

As part of the process following a breach of the Code of Conduct, students may be refused travel for a temporary period or in some cases permanently.