



Darfield High School Bus Code of Conduct

The Ministry of Education provides all students who live beyond the reaches of public transport and 4.8 kilometres from the closest school the opportunity for transportation. Whilst this enables a student's right to education, this also carries basic responsibilities of how students should treat such an opportunity with the overall attitude that safety is paramount.

As with the Darfield High School Expectations, students are expected to show respect for each other, respect for the environment and respect for ourselves when travelling by bus.

Therefore all students who travel on buses will:

Respect each other

- Respect the privacy of others and allow them to ride without disruption
- Behave in a safe and considerate manner
- Accept diversity
- Take care of the property of others

Respect our environment

- Take care of the bus and preserve its condition

Respect ourselves

- Behave in a safe, controlled manner when waiting for, entering and exiting the bus
- Ask for help if you need it from either the Bus Monitor, bus driver or Bus Controller

This means behaviour such as:

- If seated, remaining in your seat for the entirety of your journey. If standing, stand quietly and not push or move around the bus.
- Not eating on the bus
- Not throwing anything inside or outside the bus
- No physical or verbal abuse of other passengers nor the driver
- Using socially acceptable language when conversing with other students and the bus driver
- Speaking at a volume that is not distracting for the bus driver
- Not vandalising the seats or interior of the bus
- Being compliant with the instructions and requests of the bus driver
- Notifying the Bus Controller if there is a change in travel arrangements, such as travelling on a different bus, preferably the day before, but **MUST BE BEFORE 11:15am** that day.
- Notify the Bus Monitor immediately if there is a change in travel arrangements and you will not be on the bus in the afternoon.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in:

- The student being placed on a daily report for a week
- A formal interview with parents/caregivers, the student and the school
- Travel on the school bus may be withdrawn for a period of time and the parent/caregiver have to arrange other transport arrangements
- The privilege of travelling by bus being immediately withdrawn from the student.

I understand the above and agree to abide by these conditions.

Name: _____ Bus route: _____

Signed: _____ (Student) Date: _____