



Bus Information

- Armadale/Seville Grove
- Bedfordale/Roleystone/Gosnells
- Byford/Darling Downs
- Mundijong



Bus Policy 2024

Payment of Fees

Regular bus users must be committed to the bus service for the whole year. When withdrawing a child from using the bus service, notification in writing is required, a term in advance, by the school in order to discontinue the charging of fees.

Bus fees will be billed per term and are due by the first week of each term through the event invitation.

Dishonouring of payment agreements will result in automatic and immediate suspension from the bus services until the agreement is brought up to date.

Bus Registration Form

A bus registration form must be completed at the beginning of each year.

Bus Withdrawal

Notification in writing must be sent to the school a term in advance if cancellation of bus service is required.

Casual Travel

A bus registration form must be completed before a student can catch a school bus. Each trip on the bus is charged at \$9.50 per trip and must be paid for in advance before using the bus service. **A seat on the bus cannot be guaranteed** so we suggest you book a seat as far in advance as possible. Payment can be paid in person or over the phone.

Travel Group

The travel group comprises several categories of bus users/patrons:

- Permanent Full time users (travel both ways)
- Permanent Part Time users (several days per week on a regular ongoing basis up to 5 trips per week)

New Students

Families who commence at the school during a school term can liaise with Reception to determine if there is a seat available on a specific bus service. If the bus service is required and if a seat is available, a fee cost for the remainder of the term will be calculated.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS - TERM 4

It is recognised that students in Year 12 finish school earlier than other students in 4th term. A special rate will be worked out for that period.

Bus Rules for Students

- Be at your bus stop at least 5 - 10 minutes before the bus is due. Stand back and wait for the bus to stop, then, enter the bus one at a time.
- You may be assigned a seat, changes to seating arrangement must be discussed with the school office.
- All normal school rules regarding behaviour apply when on the bus.
- You may be assigned a seat and are to remain seated for the entire length of your journey.
- No eating or drinking on the bus. This includes chewing gum. Water bottles are acceptable.
- No leaning or calling out of windows. No part of your body should ever be outside the bus during your journey. No throwing items or objects in or outside the bus.
- No aerosol or spray cans to be used at any time on the bus. (Many people are affected by the contents of spray cans and can suffer health problems as a result. Be considerate of others).
- Always obey the instructions of the bus driver. Please do not try to have a conversation with the driver as they have many things to concentrate on and the safety of all the students is their responsibility.

General Advice

- Any malicious damage caused by you is the financial responsibility of your family.
- When alighting from the bus at school: start from the front, or as directed by the driver.
- When alighting from the bus at home: once off the bus, stand back and wait until the bus has moved away and you have a clear view before you attempt to cross the road.
- You are required to be in correct school uniform at all times on the bus.
- Our number one concern is for the safety and comfort of our students, and our Bus Policy has been compiled to ensure that every person on the bus ~ the driver and students ~ is treated with respect and courtesy, and that they are protected at all times. All bus users are expected to abide by the Bus Rules and conduct themselves in a manner that will not reflect poorly on themselves, their family or the college.
- Inappropriate behaviour while on the bus or while waiting for the bus will not be accepted, and all students are required to sign the acknowledgment stating that they understand the bus rules and will abide by them.
- Deliberate breach of this agreement may result in a student being unable to use our bus service.

School Bus Policy

It is important for students to remember that their behaviour on the bus reflects upon themselves, their family and the college.

Southern Hills Christian College is committed to presenting a positive and Christian outlook on behaviour and attitudes.

The Bus Rules reflect normal community expectations concerning acceptable behaviour on public transport, and must be adhered to.

These are provided to ensure that all bus users are treated with consideration and to provide as much safety and protection as possible.

It is the right of all students to report any instances of bullying or inappropriate behaviour that may affect the safety and well-being of another student or person associated with the bus.

Any complaints concerning school bus behaviour should be communicated to the College as soon as possible after the event.

The bus company has the right to refuse any students travelling on the bus who are continually disruptive or display inappropriate behaviour.

Incidents reported to the school are dealt with by the Principal, or a senior staff member, and appropriate discipline measures are implemented.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the follow up procedure is as follows:

- 1st complaint - student is warned;
- 2nd complaint - student is warned and the parents are informed;
- 3rd complaint - suspension from the school bus for a period to be determined by the school in consultation with the bus company.

Subsequent misbehaviour on the bus will result in additional bus suspension and might contribute to wider disciplinary action including school suspension.

It should be noted that the school and the bus company view **bullying** and **throwing objects from the bus** as very serious. Each carries the risk of immediate suspension to be determined by the Principal.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THE BUS RULES AND SIGN THE BUS REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE A PLACE WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A BUS ROUTE.

2024 Bus Fees

Zone 1	\$980 per year
Full Time	\$1,400 per year
Part Time	\$980 per year
Up to 5 trips per week	
Casual	\$9.50 per trip

Students who are registered for the bus service will be issued with a Smartrider which must be presented each time they get on or off the bus. **Casual Bus Trips must be booked in advance or a seat cannot be guaranteed.**

If a Smartrider is lost a fee of \$5 will be charged for a replacement card. A new lanyard will also incur a charge of \$5.

Bus fees are highly subsidised, pro-rata fees are not available.