



*"Small School, Big Opportunities"*  
Kindness, Cooperation, Resilience, Respect

# Tarwin Lower Primary School

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## Code of Conduct - Bus

Travel on school buses is conditional on obeying these rules.

**Please be aware that free bus travel is a privilege, not a right.. Conduct on the bus is a safety issue which needs the cooperation of students, parents, drivers and teachers.**

### **BUS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS - GIPPSLAND REGION CONDITIONS OF BUS TRAVEL**

The safety of all travellers on school buses must be ensured at all times. The following conditions apply to all travellers on school buses. Seating is at the discretion of driver/ bus co-ordinator.

1. All students must:
  - Wait at bus stop in an orderly fashion and not approach the bus until it has stopped
  - Be punctual at the pick up (morning and night) - be at the stop 5 minutes early.
  - Enter and leave a bus in an orderly manner
  - Not move around the bus in transit but remain seated at all times.
2. No part of any passenger or object in their possession is to protrude out of windows or doors.
3. Boisterous conduct including the use of bad language or any action which may cause distress to other students or distract the driver will not be tolerated.
4. Students must converse quietly and not call out to or fellow students or passing traffic.
5. Storage of bags will be in accordance with advice from the driver.
6. Students have access to their allocated bus..
7. Throwing of objects either within or out of the bus is prohibited.
8. Vandalism will not be tolerated in any form.
9. Students travelling to school by bus who intend not using the bus for the return trip should supply a written note to their teacher from parent or contact school office.
10. After alighting from the bus, the student must remain on the side of the road and should only cross the road when it is safe to do so.
11. All students must treat others with courtesy and consideration
12. **No food or drink is to be consumed on school buses.**
13. School bus travel is a privilege and not a right and consequences will apply for breach of these conditions, including suspension from bus travel for a period of time.
14. The School must be **notified in writing** of any variation to your child's travel arrangements.

Please sign and return this document to the school after you have read and discussed the above listed points with your child/ren. A signed copy will be sent home for your records.

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We agree to encourage and ensure that .....  
(child/rens name) understands and will abide by the points listed in the above Bus Code of Conduct.  
We understand the consequences that may follow if these points are not adhered too.

Parent / Guardian Signed.....

Date .....

**Evaluation:**

To be reviewed **annually**.

**This policy was ratified by School Council on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**