Bus Use Policy

Version: August 11, 2014

Context
This policy applies to people wishing to access the bus services provided by DECD and managed by Tintinara Area School.

Entitlement
School Students whose home address is 5km or more from Tintinara Area School (the school), and who are enrolled at the school, are entitled to travel on the DECD Bus Service managed by Tintinara Area School. (Hereafter referred to as the Bus Service.)

Allocation
Students who are entitled to travel on the Bus Service shall have priority when seats are being allocated.
If no room is available then students who are further from the school shall have priority.
When room is available seats will be allocated according to the following criteria
- Students attending the Tintinara Preschool
- Tintinara Area School students staying with students who are entitled to use the bus service
- Other Tintinara Area School Students
- Tintinara Area School staff
- Other DECD students
- Tintinara Area School volunteers

Applications to travel on the bus must be received prior to the date or dates that travel is requested.

Child Protection Issues
All people who are not currently enrolled as students of Tintinara Area School and Preschool shall be required to submit a current Criminal History Check through the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion with their application for permission to travel on the bus.

Review
August 2016
Permission for Transport of Ineligible Students on a School Bus

In accordance with the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) School Transport Policy, Principals and Education Directors may approve non-entitled students to travel on existing school buses under certain conditions.

Non-entitled students may include:
- students living within 5 kilometres of their “school of right”
- students seeking to by-pass their “school of right” (to either another Government school or a non-Government school)
- pre-school children
- TAFE students

I …………………………………………………(parent/caregiver) acknowledge and understand that by requesting that my child/ren travel on the ……………………………. school bus route for the …………..school year, approval is bound by the following criteria:
- that such approval will not involve the provision of any additional bus service
- that bus routes are not altered to suit the needs of ineligible students
- that the bus has room for the ineligible travellers
- that approval could be withdrawn at short notice if conditions change (for example, if the numbers of eligible travellers increases)
- that such approval is applied for annually, as required.

Parent’s signature: ………………………………………
Date: ……./……./…….

The following ineligible students are approved for travel on the ……………………………… school bus route for the …………..school year:

Principal (or delegate): ………………………………………
Date: ……./……./…….

Original to be returned to and retained by the school.
Copy to be provided to the parent/caregiver.