



BUS SAFETY POLICY

Rationale:

Students have the right to travel to and from school feeling safe and free from physical and verbal abuse from other students.

If children misbehave on the bus they put themselves, the driver, other road users and all other passengers at risk. The intention is to make all users aware of the expectations when using the bus and the consequences if it is misused.

Purpose:

To ensure that all bus passengers are safe.

To ensure that the bus driver can concentrate on driving the bus.

To make sure all staff & students are aware of the expectations when using the bus.

To inform parents of the expectations Dairy Flat School has of students who use the School Bus Service.

Guidelines:

1. All families who use the bus will receive a copy of the Bus Safety Policy.
2. Each year bus users will be given a copy of the policy as well as having it explained to them by the principal.
3. New families who enrol during the year will be given a Bus Safety Policy.
4. Senior students will be trained as bus monitors. Their role is to warn people who are misbehaving on the bus. If the behaviour is not corrected they are to report the incident to the principal or teacher in charge of buses.
5. Bus drivers will be provided with a notebook and asked to report inappropriate behaviour.

Bus users will be expected to do the following:

1. Line up quietly and promptly in their bus line after school.
2. Walk to the bus, not run.

3. Sit in a seat and stay seated until the bus stops at their destination. (This means bottoms on seats not kneeling or standing.) If standing do not move around the bus. When a seat becomes available you must sit down.
4. Students are not to change seats during their journey.
5. Use a quiet voice on the bus. Do not shout.
6. Obey the requests of bus drivers and senior bus monitors.
7. No food or drink to be consumed on the bus.

Complaints and Consequences:

A bus log/diary will be kept by the person in charge of the buses. Every incident will be recorded in the log.

This will be looked at on a term-by-term basis.

First time complaint	- a warning.
Second complaint	- a detention in lunch time.
Third complaint	- Parents contacted and given a warning that if the behaviour continues the student can expect to be banned from the bus for a week.

Further complaints - Parents informed and student banned off the bus for a period determined by the Principal.

Severe Clause

If the nature of the bus incident is considered extremely dangerous and/or inappropriate the person in charge of the bus may see it necessary to go straight to the banning option. This could be for a week or for a longer period.

Student name:

Parent/Caregiver Signature:

Date: