

STUDENT TRANSPORT SAFETY

Dear Parents /Guardians

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times. Some students are collected by parents/guardians, some travel by school bus, some use public transport and some walk or ride a bicycle. Regardless of how your child travels to school, it is important that they do so safely.

Whilst schools supervise students during school hours and on school grounds, parents and guardians have responsibility for the care and supervision of students exiting the school and travelling from the school at the end of the day.

As a parent/guardian, you need to consider travel arrangements for your child.

- Is your child old or experienced enough to use public transport?
- Are there things you can do to help educate your child in traffic safety?
- Are there busy roads that your child will need to cross to catch a bus or train or when walking?

Our College has measures in place to assist students leave the school safely. The cooperation of parents/guardians is vital to ensure supervisory measures are successful. For example:

- The College has preferred or mandatory points of exit for students at the end of the day. You should make sure that your child is familiar with and uses these exits, and that you use these exits too if collecting your child.
- If you collect your child from school, always obey parking regulations, speed limits and other traffic controls. This will help to create a safe environment at exits to schools and ensure respect is shown to neighbours who live close to the school.

Supervising teachers play an important role in keeping your child safe at the end of the day. Teachers supervising exits or school buses are not available for consultation during this time. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please arrange another time to do so when he/she will be available.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

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