



BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

Downlands College students travelling on buses must show respect to all other bus users: the driver, members of the public and fellow students. On public transport, Downlands students should give up their seat to adults if all the seats are taken.

The primary concern of the College for students travelling on buses is safety. To achieve this, the following rules apply:

- 1.** Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- 2.** If the bus is fitted with seat belts, then these must be worn for the entire journey.
- 3.** All bags must be placed under seats - never in the aisle or on seats.
- 4.** Food and drink is not to be consumed on the buses.
- 5.** Senior students to take responsibility for:
 - a) modelling good behaviour.
 - b) assisting younger students.
 - c) reporting poor behaviour to the bus driver and/or Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care.
- 6.** Seats are taken on a 'first come' basis. No student can save a seat for another student.
- 7.** No student should occupy two seats while others have none.
- 8.** Students are financially responsible for any damage they cause to the bus or to the property of any other traveller through their actions.
- 9.** The College uniform must be worn correctly at all times of travel to and from school.

DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE BUS SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. PERSISTENT MISBEHAVIOUR MAY RESULT IN STUDENTS BEING SUSPENDED FROM USING THE BUS SERVICE.

In these situations, the student will need to find his/her own way to/from school.

ALL STUDENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE WHEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

If you feel harassed or you witness another student being harassed you have a responsibility to either try to support the student appropriately or notify the Year Leader, Team Leader or Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care.