2016 Bus Travel

Email notices were distributed on 1st August containing “Application for Permission to Travel – Eligible Students” forms that must be submitted to Marylou Jones as soon as possible if you intend for your child to access bus travel to and/or from school in 2016. This application must be renewed every year. This application form is also available on our website: School Community > Parent Information > Transport/Buses > Application Form.

Free Government school buses operate for Government schools, such as Sunbury College. Buses service various locations around Hume and the Macedon Ranges according to the demand from Government School students and the routes are set by the Department of Transport each year.

Students who attend a non-Government school are eligible to travel on a Government school bus at no cost providing:

- They attend the school of their denomination (eg Catholic) that is nearest to their place of residence and able to offer them a place, or if that school is not able to offer a place, then the next nearest to their place of residence that is able to offer them a place AND
- there is a Government school bus service in their location AND
- there is a place available on the bus once all Government school students utilising that particular bus route have been allocated a place

Parents of students who meet the eligibility criteria as outlined above, should complete the form and return it to Marylou Jones as soon as possible, where they will be recorded and collated before being forwarded to Sunbury College for processing. They must not be returned directly to Sunbury College.

Places are allocated in the following order:

- Existing travellers
- Siblings of existing travellers
- New travellers
- Fare paying travellers

Should places not be available, parents will be notified and their child put on a waiting list. It has been noted by the Bus Co-ordinator of Sunbury College that “there is no guarantee of a seat on any school bus except for existing travellers. Due to pressure of numbers on some school routes, not all siblings of current travellers can be guaranteed a seat.”

It has been the policy of Salesian College to attempt to obtain free service to as many students as possible so we therefore send the enclosed application form to all bus travelling families knowing that not all will obviously secure a place.

Children on the waiting list will then be offered a place on the Salesian College Private Bus Service (after the Government bus lists have been finalised), however please note that this is a user pays service costing $500 per child or $800 per family in 2015. The 2016 cost is scheduled for review during Term 3 and parents will be advised as soon as this has been finalised. The school will retain the Conveyance allowance to offset the cost of running this bus.

Conveyance Allowance Eligibility (private/public transport to connect with a Government School Bus)
A Conveyance Allowance is available where students use public transport or private car to connect them with a Government school bus, provided the distance from the student’s home to the nearest Government school bus pick up point is not less that 4.8 kilometres. Application forms for the Conveyance Allowance are available from the College upon request.

If you have not received a form and you meet the criteria stated, or should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College. However, I strongly urge you to return the Bus Travel Application Form at your very earliest convenience.

Marylou Jones
Registrar