

## **Student Public Bus Travel to and from school**

### **Jindalee State School**

#### **Background and Intent**

- The school participates in the Brisbane City Council Active school travel program, and additional seating has been provided for students via this program.
- City Council bus stops are located adjacent to the school in Burrendah Road.
- Students using other stops from time-to-time experience complications, and thus is not supported.
- Students make use of the public transport system as appropriate, and do so in responsible and safe ways which consider both student and community use in line with 'The Jindalee Way'.

#### **Procedures**

1. Students using the public bus service should gather at the bus stop in Burrendah Road as soon as possible after 3pm in time for their scheduled bus arrival. Using alternative stops in the area may be problematic and should be avoided.
2. Members of the public should be treated respectfully and provided space within the bus shelter as appropriate.
3. Students should sit on the seating provided and not approach the bus until it is completely stopped.
4. Passengers on the bus should be able to disembark the bus before students approach and enter the bus. Adult passengers and those with small children should be able to board before students.
5. Students should be mindful of expectations that they proceed directly to school and to home as appropriate and should not delay or gather at shops and stops before completing their travel.
6. In wet weather and when students are unable to shelter from the weather at the stops, they should gather in the school where an approaching bus can be seen (as should students waiting for private transport). Rain equipment (rain coats, ponchos etc) should be carried and used safely as appropriate. When their bus approaches, students should make their way safely to the stop for boarding, being mindful of the slippery conditions and road safety, especially as vehicles find stopping more difficult in wet weather.
7. Students who do not have appropriate bus passes or fares for any reason should approach school staff.
8. Students who do not behave according to the school and bus rule expectations may have consequences under school supportive behaviour management procedures and may be refused access to bus travel under transport regulations.

#### **School staff**

1. When so rostered, participating in supervision of students using after-school bus travel is part of school duty-of-care provisions .
2. Staff on roster should plan and present at the Burrendah Road bus stop for duty as soon as possible after 3pm. The last bus is usually scheduled for arrival around 3.20pm. Delays may occur, and issues arising from time-to-time should be communicated to school Administration for appropriate action.
3. In wet weather, staff should locate so as to support supervision of student safety and efficient movement to buses as they approach.
4. Communicate with bus drivers when it may be productive to do so, and with school Admin re concerns.