



# RAGLAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Bus Behaviour Policy

### **Rationale:**

Students' behaviour on the school bus, to and from school, is of concern to our community for the reasons of safety and for our reputation as a school that values good behaviour.

When students are travelling on the school bus they are not directly in the care or supervision of the teachers and therefore it is difficult for the school to monitor student behaviour.

It is also difficult for teachers to investigate incidents reported by parents or students as often there are conflicting statements and no reliable witnesses.

Ultimately the students are in the direct care of the bus driver who has the dual responsibility of driving and monitoring student behaviour.

This policy is designed to support positive behaviour on the bus and align reported incidents of student misbehaviour with our *Student Discipline, Anti-Bullying and Anti-Racism* policy.

### **Aim:**

- To support positive behaviour on the school bus
- To align reported incidents of student misbehaviour with our *Student Discipline, Anti-Bullying and Anti-Racism* policy
- To provide clear consequences for misconduct on the school bus

### **Responsibilities:**

#### **Students:**

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

- behave safely at all times
- respect the needs and comfort of other passengers
- behave appropriately at all times (e.g. no use of offensive language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats or throwing things in or from the bus/train/ferry)
- protect all property and report any vandalism
- show their travel pass or ticket when requested
- only use the travel pass for its intended purpose
- maintain possession of the travel pass at all times
- follow instructions about safety
- adhere to the law that bans smoking
- not eat and drink in prohibited areas
- keep arms, legs and other parts of their bodies inside the bus/train/ferry
- only attract the attention of the driver in case of emergency

**Parents:**

If your child reports an incident of student misbehaviour to you or if they are victim of bullying or racism on the school bus, we ask that you contact the bus company directly to report the allegation.

**School:**

The school will act upon all written reported incidents of student misbehaviour by the bus companies as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> reported incident of student misbehaviour within the school year
  - letter of warning to parents
  - student placed on Blue level
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> reported incident of student misbehaviour within the school year
  - instant demerit
  - Student placed on Yellow level
  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent incidents of student misbehaviour within the school year
  - instant demerit
  - student placed on Orange level

Demerits issued for bus behaviour have the same consequences as demerits issued at school.