

**Boisdale Consolidated School No 6207**  
**Safe Bus Travel Policy**  
**CONDITIONS OF BUS TRAVEL**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

*The safety of all travellers on school buses must be ensured at all times.*

*The following conditions apply to all travellers on our school buses:--*

1. All students must:
  - Wait at the bus stop in an orderly fashion.
  - and not approach the bus until it has stopped.
  - Be punctual at the stop (morning and night).
  - Enter and leave a bus in an orderly manner.
  - Remain seated at all times.
  - Where seat belts are fitted, they must be worn at all times.
2. All students must treat others with courtesy and consideration. **Unacceptable conduct** including any form of bullying/teasing or offensive language will not be tolerated, as this will cause distress to other students or distract the driver.
3. **Do not put any objects or any part of your body out a window or the door.**
4. **Do not put shoes up on seats or kneel up on a seat.** You should sit up straight in your seat with your head against the back rest, if the bus has one.
5. Students must talk quietly and not call out to passing traffic or fellow students. **Talk only loud enough for the child next to you to hear, no yelling or shouting.**
6. Keep your bags where the bus driver says and never swing them.
7. Students may obtain a temporary bus pass from the office to change buses for reason other than birthday parties or social events. A note or phone call from parents is essential before a temporary pass will be issued. Likewise, authorisation from a parent must be given before a permanent pass is issued.
8. Students travelling to school by bus who intend not using the bus for the return trip should mark their name off the bus list outside Principal's office. Parents who pick up their child from school during the school day should "**sign** them off" on the bus list. This is very important to insure the bus coordinator knows exactly where all students are to go at the end of each day. This is an Emergency Management requirement by the Department of Transport.
9. When getting off the bus, the student must remain on the side of the road and should only cross the road when it is safe to do so. **Wait until the bus has totally gone before crossing a road.** Never walk in front of a bus.

**PARENTS MUST ENSURE THEY PARK ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE BUS AND NEVER CALL CHILDREN ACROSS THE ROAD.**

11. No eating on the school bus. Drinking water responsibly will be accepted on all buses.
12. **School bus travel is a privilege and not a right. Consequences apply for breach of these conditions.** Breaches are recorded; The first consequence (unless a major incident) involves discussion with the principal, a second breach, would involve some detention following discussion, and a third breach would be discussion with the parents and time off the bus. A major incident could involve immediate removal from bus travel.

*Students must raise any concerns firstly with the bus captain and then the driver. The teacher on duty needs to be informed of any issues promptly*

*Please read and sign below confirming that you have read and accept the above conditions:*

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT /GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT /GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

