

Parent Information Sheet

Does the Walking School Bus™ (WSB) operate in the rain?

Each route has its own rainy day policy. Check with your WSB route coordinator before your children start walking with the bus.

What will happen if my child misbehaves while using the WSB?

If a child misbehaves, WSB volunteers will follow these procedures:

- ◆ Initial lack of co-operation (eg. rudeness, not wearing safety armband): the volunteer will notify the school so they can warn the child.
- ◆ Second misdemeanour: the child is to walk with the leader and the leader should notify the school to send a note home.
- ◆ Third misdemeanour: the child is to be excluded for a day from the program. Parents will be notified beforehand.

In the event of continuing lack of co-operation: the child is permanently excluded from program. Parents will be notified beforehand.

In the event of any major misbehaviour, steps 1 to 3 will be bypassed and the child will be unable to participate in the future, parents will be informed. Major misbehaviour includes running onto a road ahead of the driver, physically assaulting another child or adult, any behaviour that endangers anybody's life or safety.

What should I do if my child will no longer be using the WSB?

You need to notify the WSB Co-ordinator.

Is it too late to volunteer with the WSB?

It's never too late! Contact your school's Walking School Bus Coordinator or Bayside City Council Walking School Bus Project Officer (9599 4438) to arrange a training session.

Does my child have to walk every day? What happens if my child is late?

The morning WSB is a casual service; it operates like a bus on wheels. If your child is not at the allocated stop in the morning, the WSB will continue on to school without him/her. If your child is not at the WSB stop in the morning, volunteers will assume that you are taking your child to school on that day and the WSB will continue on to school without him/her.

This means that:

1. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is on time for the WSB. If your child is late, he/she will miss the bus.
2. It is your responsibility to wait with your child until the WSB arrives. If you choose to leave your child to wait unattended at the WSB stop and your child is not there when the WSB arrives, the volunteers will have no way of knowing that your child was waiting for the WSB and will not report your child's absence.

The Walking School Bus™

Beaumaris North Primary School Walking School Bus 2009

Program Co-ordinators

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Monday - 46 Haydens Rd

8.20am Walk up Haydens Road. Meets at Haydens Road shops at
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8.20am Walk along Morey Road

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Thursday - 46 Haydens Rd

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HEALTH THROUGH PARTICIPATION

Consent Form

I would like my child/ren to use the Walking School Bus™ (WSB).

I understand that my child/ren's journey to school is still my responsibility, even while they will be using the walking bus.

I have read the parent's information form.

I have explained to my child/ren the need for good behaviour on the WSB.

I authorise WSB volunteers to call an ambulance for my child/ren if considered necessary.

I have outlined any medical conditions that may affect your child/ren while using the WSB in the space provided below.

Parent/guardian's name: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CHILD'S NAME/S	CLASS

Address: _____

Tel (B/H): _____

Tel (A/H): _____

Emergency contact: _____

Tel: _____

Relationship to child/ren: _____

My Child/ren will be using the bus on these mornings: (please circle)

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thur

Medical condition(s) and management plan:

Collection Statement

Council collects the personal and health information requested in this form for the purpose of delivering the program and internal research purposes. If you choose not to provide this information we may not be able to register you/ your child as a participant. If you have any queries or wish to gain access to your information, please contact Council's Walking School Bus Project Officer or Privacy Officer on 9599 4444, or at



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Student Participation Contract

STUDENT

When I go to/from school on the Walking School Bus™, I promise that I will:

- ☺ Obey the instructions of the Walking School Bus™ driver and conductor
- ☺ Be at the bus stop at the agreed time
- ☺ Wear the safety accessory provided
- ☺ Behave sensibly at all times

I understand that if I do not obey the rules of the Walking School Bus™, I might not be allowed to walk with the bus in the future.

Signed: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

PARENT

I have explained the rules and behavioural requirements of the Walking School Bus™ to my child. My child understands that he/she must abide by these rules or he/she will no longer be allowed to participate in the program.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____