

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct is between \_\_\_\_\_ (Student),  
\_\_\_\_\_(their caregiver), Tranzit bus company, and Coastal Taranaki School (Mr Walden and Mrs Oke).

The caregiver and the student should ensure they have read and understood this document, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the Bus Driver and all students travelling on the school bus.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student), agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- When I am on the bus I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use appropriate language when talking with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the Bus Operator at all times (e.g. refraining from standing on seats, pulling the stop cord or vandalising the vehicle in anyway).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I will listen to the instructions of the Bus Driver, the teacher/s responsible for bus duty and the Senior bus monitor at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

**IF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS BROKEN:**

- Students will receive a warning if inappropriate behaviour is displayed.
- If no improvement is evident, an interview will be arranged between the student, caregiver(s), and school.
- If there is still no improvement, travel on a school bus will be withdrawn, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to ensure they are meeting legal obligation to get their child to school.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus could be withdrawn immediately.

**Acceptance**

I agree to abide by the conditions of this 'contract' and understand the consequences if I do not.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Student) (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Caregiver)

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal) (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus Operator)

Dated: 09/03/2018

## Coastal Taranaki School BUS Expectations

### Be Respectful



- We sit down safely on the bus, like we have a seat belt on, and stay in the same seat
- We respect the bus driver by using inside voices so we don't distract the him/her
- Show respect to the teachers and the Senior Bus monitors by following instructions and using kind words on the bus
- We keep the bus clean which means our lunch boxes stay in our bags
- We keep our toys in our bag

### Be Responsible



- Use kind hands and feet on the bus
- Use acceptable language on the bus - language we use in the classroom
- Be responsible for our own belongings - make sure our things are in our bag and it is zipped up
- Bus monitors can use the emergency string/button in the event of an emergency
- Seniors (year 11 to 13) have the first option and privilege of sitting at the back of the bus and are expected to behave like role models
- Speak to the bus monitor if you have any concerns while riding the bus

### Be Ready to Learn



- Being ready means we are lined up and ready when the the bus arrives after school
- As soon as the bell goes move to the bus promptly
- Lining up for the bus, back from the curb
- Be ready to get on the bus by having all your belongings ready
- Getting on the bus when our name is called by the duty teacher
- Be a role model on the bus, the community can see you as you travel to and from school

### Consequences:

- Step one:**
- You will receive a warning for inappropriate behaviour.
- Step two:**
- Your parents will be called so they can support you in making better choices
  - You will be told where to sit while on the bus
- Step three:**
- Writing a letter to parents or the bus driver
  - If the inappropriate behaviour continues, an interview will be arranged between the student, caregiver(s), and school.
- Step four:**
- If there is still no improvement, travel on a school bus will be withdrawn for a set period of time, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to ensure they are meeting legal obligation to get their child to school.
  - In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus could be withdrawn immediately.