Student Bus Travel Expectations

RATIONALE
These student expectations relating specifically to bus travel for Xavier College students have been designed to ensure that all passengers travel safely, in comfort and without the fear of harassment. These rules are based on the cooperation and mutual support of all students and drivers.

Students should do the following at all times when engaging in bus travel at Xavier College:

• Term passes: to be purchased prior to the commencement of each term.
• Casual passes: to be purchased from Student Reception at least one day prior to the trip.
• While waiting for the bus, wait at last one metre from the curb or designated parking area.
• Remain stationary until the bus completely stops before entering or exiting.
• Show the bus driver the appropriate ticket/pass for each trip.
• Be courteous and polite to all passengers, staff members and the bus driver.
• Remain in their designated seat at all times and be seated appropriately.
• Keep their feet on the floor.
• Keep the noise level to a minimum and refrain from shouting inside the bus or out of the windows.
• No eating on the bus unless permitted to by the driver.
• Keep the bus free from litter.
• Use appropriate language.
• Follow the bus driver's requests and directions.
• Not engage in any behaviour that could result in damage to the bus or any person’s property.
• Not throw any items out of the bus or at the bus.
• Follow the normal school rules whilst travelling on the bus – for example, there should be no verbal or physical harassment of any kind.

If any student chooses to behave outside of these guidelines, the consequences may include the following:

• Excluded from travelling on a particular bus for a period of time.
• Reimbursement will not be given to students removed from the bus due to inappropriate behaviour.
• Counselling/rehabilitation sessions for the person/s engaging in the inappropriate behaviour.
• Lunchtime and/or after school detentions.
• Parent contact by telephone and letter explaining the situation.
• Paying for any damage caused to property or replacing any property stolen or damaged.
• Suspension.
• Expulsion.

If a student continues to board a bus without a paid bus pass after Week 1 of each Term, they may be excluded from boarding the bus until the pass has been paid.

All bus drivers must be able to concentrate fully at all times on their task of driving the bus. Bus drivers have responsibility for their passengers whilst the students enter, travel and exit from the bus. Every bus driver has the right to expect cooperation and appropriate behaviour from every student from our school. Any behaviour that distracts the driver is considered to be a serious hazard to the safe operation of the bus and as such, jeopardises the safety of all passengers, the driver and others.

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