

POLICY: STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL BUSES**Rationale**

Rotorua Lakes High School is committed to ensure the safety of bus students at all times in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Multi Serve, Hamilton.

Guidelines

- The use of a school bus is a privilege. Abuse it, lose it.
- Safety is paramount at all times.
- Any behaviour which is distracting to the driver is a serious safety issue.
- The bus driver is the adult in charge. His/Her instructions must be followed.
- If inappropriate behaviour occurs, students will be issued one verbal warning. If it continues a written warning will be given, followed by being stood down from using the school bus for a period of time.
- For serious issues, a student may be stood down from using the bus immediately and be required to attend a meeting with the school/bus company.
- Notes are required from parents on the preceding day if, for any reason, students wish to travel on a different bus. These must be signed by both the student's Dean and the bus driver.
- Senior students are expected to assist with monitoring appropriate behaviour and informing the school of any concerns/incidents.
- Students not coming to school for the day are not entitled to travel on the school bus system
- Younger students have priority on the seating.
- No dangerous items are to be carried on school buses.
- On alighting the bus students do not walk in front of the bus.

REVIEW: This policy will be reviewed according to the Board of Trustees' triennial Programme of self-review - 2021

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