

KEY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

In sharing responsibility for the safety of school bus children, parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safety on their way from home to the bus stop, at the stop, and on their way from the bus stop to home.

The following key safety messages are designed to assist parents/guardians in this matter.

- Always safely leave, and meet your children at the bus stop.
- Be on time for the bus at the pick up point.
- On their way to the bus stop remind your children of the safety rules.
- Always park your car on the bus stop side of the road.
- Where practicable your children should get in/out of the car from the footpath, and not the road.
- Leave your car and accompany your children, especially younger children to and from the bus stop. Promote safe practices in and around school buses in your local community.
- Notify the school of any unsafe school bus situations or practices.

HIGH LEVELS OF SAFETY

Kadina Memorial School in conjunction with the Department of Education and Child Development has an ongoing commitment to maintaining a high level of safety for

students and preschool children who travel on DECD provided school bus services.

DECD has identified the following items as being critical areas of concern to safety of bus passengers:

- motorists exceeding the speed limit of 25kmm/hour past a stationary school bus.
- students moving around the bus while it is in motion.
- students behaving in a distractive manner.
- students crossing the road after getting off the school bus.
- students crossing the road to get on the school bus.

CONSEQUENCES

There will be consequences for inappropriate and unsafe behaviours whilst travelling on school buses. Parents will be informed at each stage of the process.

Initial consequences could be a warning, rule reminders, in-school detention or suspension. Severe or continuous breaches of the bus rules will result in:

First Offence

1 week (5 school days) suspension from travel on the bus.

Second Offence

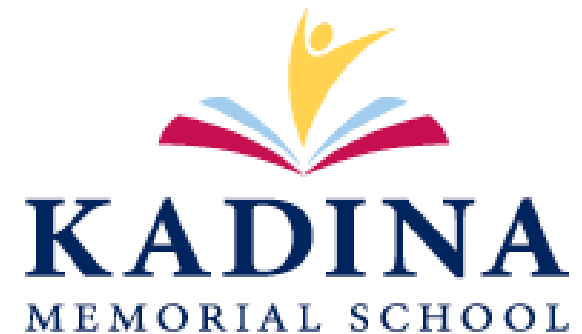
2 weeks (10 school days) suspension from travel on the bus.

Third Offence

3 week (15 school days) suspension from travel on the bus.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Key Messages for Children, Parents & Guardians



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Key Safety Messages for Children

IN THE MORNING

Always cross the road safely to get to the bus stop; take time to make sure it is safe to cross.

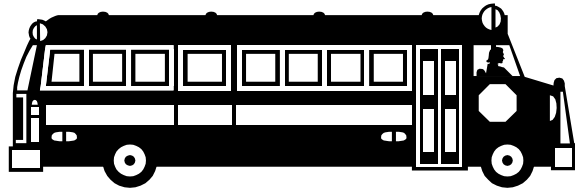
Always wait safely for the bus.

Keep well back from the roadside when you are waiting for the bus.

Do not play ball games or run around at the bus stop.

Do not wander away from the bus stop.

Be on time for the bus. The bus will wait a maximum of 2 minutes past the designated time for late students



Key Safety Messages for Children

ON THE SCHOOL BUS

Sit in your assigned seat.

Place your bags in a safe place out of the way of other passengers.

Respect the needs, comfort and property of other passengers.

Remain in your seat at all times.

Place rubbish in the bin on the way off the bus.

Keep your whole body inside the bus.

Listen to and follow the driver's instructions.

Respect bus property.

Speak to an adult about your concerns. Report concerns to a teacher (or the Assistant Principal).

When the bus has completely stopped, alight in a safe and orderly manner. Walk behind bus if crossing the road.

Key Safety Messages for Children

IN THE AFTERNOON

Remain in your seat until the bus completely stops.

Alight in a safe and orderly manner.

Always wait until the bus has completely gone from the bus stop before crossing the road.

It is extremely dangerous to cross the road while the bus is stopped or when the bus has just moved on.

Watch the traffic from both directions and choose the safest time and place to cross the road.

Watch and wait until the traffic is clear.

Cross the road where you have a clear view. Keep away from bends, crests in the road or where the view is blocked by trees, bushes or other vehicles