



St Martins Bus Code of Conduct

Living The St Martins Way on the Bus

At St Martins Lutheran College, we believe that the way we travel reflects our standards as a school. Our Bus Code of Conduct is grounded in **The St Martins Way**, which calls us to live with **Respect, Compassion, Growth, Faith, Encouragement**, and **Hope** in everything we do; including on the bus.

The school bus is an extension of our college community. We expect all students to uphold the values and behaviours of our school, namely respect, compassion and encouragement.

Respect – for others, the driver, and the journey

- Follow all instructions from the bus driver immediately.
- Speak politely and kindly to others; avoid teasing, swearing, or shouting.
- Keep hands, feet, and belongings to yourself.
- Enter and exit the bus in an orderly manner.
- Remain seated, facing forward, with a seatbelt at all times.
- Keep the aisles clear and the bus clean.
- Look after the bus and others' property with care and responsibility.
- Use any technology devices responsibly.

Compassion – care for others on the journey

- Include others and be a supportive friend, especially to younger students.
- Notice if someone is upset, and let an adult or driver know.
- Avoid actions that could embarrass, frighten, or intimidate others.

Encouragement – helping each other to do the right thing

- Be a positive role model for other students.
- Let adults know when help is needed; for yourself or someone else.

Consequences for Unsafe or Disrespectful Behaviour

We believe in restorative practices which allows for reflection, growth, and reconciliation. However, this does not negate students from being held accountable for inappropriate choices or behaviours. Consequently, consistent disregard for expectations will result in loss of bus privileges as follows:

- **First incident:** Student has a conversation with a Year Level Leader or Student Engagement Coordinator
- **Second incident:** Parent/caregivers contacted and a plan put in place to prevent further incidences. This may include a restorative conversation with the bus driver.
- **Third incident:** Parent/caregivers contacted and removal from the bus for a week.
- **Further incident:** Parent/caregivers contacted and removal from the bus for an extended or indefinite period of time.

These consequences will be discussed in consultation with Year Level Leaders, Student Engagement Coordinators, College Leadership, and families.

Our Shared Commitment

Travelling the St Martins Way means we make every bus ride safe respectful and welcoming for all.