



THE SWAMP BUS SYSTEM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child uses the bus system and we are writing to you to outline the policy we follow to keep the system safe and efficient. Please explain the following policy to your child and sign the form overleaf to indicate that he/she and yourselves understand it.

The Swamp Bus System Policy:

Safety Measures:

1. Bus Rules

- a) Bus travel is a privilege, not a right. Students who are repeatedly a safety hazard will not travel on the system.
 - b) Students must: Follow the bus driver's and bus captain's instructions the first time they are given, get on and off safely, **wait for the bus to drive on at least 100 metres before crossing the road** (cause of most recent fatality in the area in 2003); while at the bus stop, stay off the road and wait quietly and sensibly; while travelling behave safely and remain in their allocated seat. Students must **NOT**: eat/drink on the bus, put any part of their body outside of the bus, shout/scream, use bad language, throw anything from the bus, fight.
 - c) Regulations state that **students are only allowed to go on their allocated bus**. Students attempting to travel on any other bus will be put off the bus system for a week.
2. **Bus Captains** are appointed from reliable senior students and will be trained early in term one.
 3. **Bus Seating Plan** – each student is allocated a seat for the year.
 4. **Bus Drivers** and/or **Bus Captains** are to report misbehaviour on the bus.
 5. **Misbehaviour:** Students will be dealt with by their schools for misbehaviour at bus stops, bus parks and on the bus. A serious incident (eg: endangering others, distracting the driver) will result in suspension from bus travel for 5 days. The first minor incident reported will result in a verbal warning and the parents being contacted. Second and subsequent minor incidents in a school year will result in suspension from bus travel.
 6. All parents to be contacted about the bus policy.

The Swamp Bus System Policy is developed and supported by the schools' Principals and Councils, Department of Transport and local Bus Proprietors.

This is the agreed policy of the following schools and bus companies:

Bayles P.S.
St. John's P.S.

KWR P.S
Tooradin P.S.

KWR S.C.
Berwick Bus Lines

Lang Lang P.S.
Westernport Bus Lines