



# Hurstbridge Primary School Walking School Bus

## Roles

### Role of Parents

Parents will be asked to:

- Sign a consent form to permit their children to participate in the Walking Bus
- Ensure that their child/children arrive at their designated 'Bus Stop' on time in the morning.
- Ensure children follow the rules set out in the Children's Behaviour Agreement form
- Ensure children are dropped off at school if they miss the Walking School Bus

### Role of Children

Participating children will be required to:

- Sign a Children's Behaviour Agreement form
- Abide by the Children's Behaviour Agreement and Walking School Bus Rules
- Listen to and respect the Walking School Bus 'driver' and 'conductor'
- Arrive on time at their designated 'bus stop'

### Role of Volunteers

Volunteers will be required to:

- Assist children to walk safely to and from school
- Undergo volunteer training
- Undergo a police check
- Follow the safety protocols outlined in this information booklet and volunteer handbook
- Liaise with the WSB School Co-ordinator and/or WSB Project Officer or Council Staff concerning program activities
- Maintain regular monitoring practices as set out in the program guidelines eg. bus attendance checklists
- Take responsibility for the safety and conduct of participating children during the operating hours of the Walking School Bus

## Rules of the Walking School Bus

- Parents must sign a consent form for their children to participate.
- Students must sign a Children's Behaviour Agreement to participate.
- Children must abide by the behaviour agreement. Children who do not follow the rules will be given a warning and if misbehaviour persists they may no longer be able to participate in the program.
- The 'walking buses' must run on time and will not wait for latecomers.
- Children should be present at the designated 'Bus Stop' when the Walking School Bus arrives.
- Parents/Carers are responsible for their child/children until the Walking School Bus leaves their designated 'bus stop' in the morning.
- Dogs are not allowed on the bus.
- Eating is not allowed on the bus.
- No bikes or scooters are allowed on the bus.



## PARENT CONSENT FORM

I (parent's name) \_\_\_\_\_

of (address) \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby give permission for my child/children (insert full names)

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the Hurstbridge Primary School Walking School Bus.

Route No. \_\_\_\_\_ Stop No. \_\_\_\_\_ (refer to map)

- I accept that it is my responsibility to take my child to the 'bus stop' and wait with my child until the bus arrives.
- I understand that the bus will leave on time and it will not wait for late children.
- I have explained to my child about the need to listen to the volunteer 'bus driver' and about the need for good behaviour.
- I understand that misbehaviour may mean that my child cannot use the Walking Bus.

Consistent with school policy, in the event of illness to my child whilst on the Walking School Bus, I authorise the Volunteer Walker in charge of my child (where it is impracticable to communicate with me) to consent to emergency medical arrangements on my behalf as are deemed necessary by a qualified medical practitioner.

I agree that my child's name and/or photographic image may be used for the purposes of promoting the program eg. Articles in the local newspaper, display material.

Yes  No

Does your child/children suffer from any allergies or medical conditions we should be aware of? If so, please give details including how it is to be managed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and number \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT

I (fill in name) \_\_\_\_\_

Of (fill in address) \_\_\_\_\_

agree to take part in the Hurstbridge Primary School Walking School Bus.

Route No. \_\_\_\_\_ Stop No. \_\_\_\_\_ (refer to map)

### **I agree to:**

- Obey all Volunteer Walkers instructions
- Not run off from the group
- Make sure I do not cross a road without an adult
- Be respectful to volunteers and other students at all times
- Be on time when meeting the Walking School Bus
- Stay on the footpath

I understand that if I misbehave or do not follow any of these rules then I may not be allowed to participate in the Walking School Bus any longer.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_