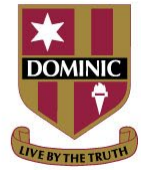


DOMINIC COLLEGE

A Catholic School in the Salesian Tradition



BUS TRAVEL POLICY

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1. RATIONALE

At Dominic College we aim to adhere to the four domains of the Archbishop's Charter:

- Catholic identity
- Learning
- Leadership
- Mission

The Salesian Charter guides how Dominic College enacts these domains with a focus on:

- A HOME that welcomes
- A PARISH that evangelises
- A SCHOOL that prepares for life
- A PLAYGROUND where friends meet

Our Bus Travel Policy reflects the ethos of the College and our legal obligations.

2. THE SALESIAN CHARTER

Living out the Salesian Charter requires us to act in certain ways and to not act in other ways ensuring the safety of students, the driver, pedestrians, and other road users. Students are required to follow the requirements of this policy, the Behaviour Management Policy, the Student Code of Conduct and the Tasmanian Government Passenger Conduct Code for School Bus Services whenever they are travelling on a bus either to and from school, when travelling for school approved activities, or when in school uniform.

A HOME THAT WELCOMES

Being a HOME that welcomes means that:

- We share our behaviour expectations with all staff, students, and the community.
- We follow St John Bosco's Preventive System that calls for a healthy, happy, kind, safe, and loving environment.
- We avoid discrimination, harassment, bullying or offensive behaviour and communication.

A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES

Being a PARISH that evangelises means that:

- Our actions reflect the teachings of Christ.
- Our behaviour is a good example of the values of Dominic College.
- Our behaviour models to others what we expect from them.

A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE

Being a SCHOOL that prepares for life means that:

- We follow the law and any relevant legislation.
- We acknowledge behaviour expectations are a part of everyday life, at home, in public, in employment, in all areas of life and for all peoples.
- We keep each other safe in how and where we play, work, and go about our day.
- We always avoid unnecessary physical contact.

A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET

Being a PLAYGROUND where friends meet means that:

- We model and encourage appropriate behaviour and language.
- We show respect for all persons, their property, their personal space, and themselves.
- We do not discriminate, offend, or cause distress to others in what we say or do.
- We are considerate of the activities of others, be that working, studying, or relaxing.

3. CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for breaching the expectations of Dominic College outlined in this policy will be managed in accordance with relevant policies and procedures including, but not limited to, our Student Code of Conduct and Exclusion from School Policies. Disciplinary action taken by the school may be in addition to actions taken by the relevant bus company.

Consequences for breaching expectations of the Tasmanian Government Passenger Conduct Code fall into three categories ranging from a cautionary warning to total suspension from bus travel. A summary of actions and consequences are listed below, please read the full [Passenger Conduct Code for School Bus Services](#) for further information.

Note:

If a student is removed from a bus, or is suspended from travelling on a bus, their parent/carer is responsible for making alternative travel arrangements.

Parents/carers may be required to cover costs if buses are damaged due to student behaviour (at the bus company's discretion).

Level	Examples of Inappropriate Behaviour	Consequences
Nuisance and offensive behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating or drinking whilst on bus • Standing on or putting feet on seat • Failing to show ticket or pass when required • Pressing the button continually • Playing loud music • Adversely affecting the comfort or safety of others • Photographing or videoing without permission and sharing or posting online 	<p>First incident – verbal warning.</p> <p>Repeated incident within four (4) school weeks – written warning</p> <p>Three or more incidents within ten (10) school weeks – up to five days suspension from travel.</p>
Dangerous and destructive behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking, vaping, using lighters or matches • Moving around whilst the vehicle is in motion • Preventing others from disembarking • Causing damage to property, vandalism • Repeatedly refusing to obey reasonable instructions of the driver • Allowing part of the body to protrude from the vehicle 	<p>First incident – written warning and suspension (up to five days).</p> <p>Second and subsequent offences in the same year – up to four weeks suspension.</p>
Highly dangerous, illegal, or life-threatening behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbally threatening the driver or other passengers • Assaulting the driver or other passengers • Harassing or bullying other passengers • Disobeying instructions given by a bus company staff member • Throwing objects in or outside the bus • Destruction of property of the bus company or other passenger • Carrying a weapon (including replicas) or dangerous items 	<p>Up to three months suspension.</p> <p>Some behaviours may trigger other statutory reporting obligations.</p>