

# Bus Information 2026

Encounter Lutheran College



Encounter Lutheran College provides a bus service for families throughout the Fleurieu Region. This service gives priority to permanent users who have completed and returned a Bus Transportation Application Form, and who are travelling to and from their place of residence.

Although the College will make every effort to accommodate a variety of student needs this may not always be possible. All bus routes have a maximum capacity, and no further applications will be considered once the maximum number of students has been reached.

Please take a moment to read the following information regarding some updates to our bus operations for the 2026 school year:

## Existing Bus Users

We kindly ask that all existing 2025 Encounter bus users take a moment to complete a new Bus Transportation Application Form – even if your bus needs have not changed for the coming year.

## 2026 College Bus Routes

At this point, existing routes remain unchanged; however, the College reserves the right to make route and timetable changes subject to demand and school operational requirements. Parents will be notified of any changes to the College Bus service well in advance of implementation.

### Encounter Bus Routes:

- **Route 1:** Mount Compass (extends to Willunga)
- **Route 2:** Encounter Bay/Lower Inman
- **Route 3:** Hindmarsh Island/Goolwa Beach/Middleton
- **Route 4:** Currency Creek/Goolwa/Goolwa North/Port Elliot

The Link SA Community Bus also services Encounter Lutheran College students (which connects to some DECS buses including Waitpinga and Inman Valley) as well as the Hindmarsh Valley bus. For more information regarding the Community Bus, contact Link SA:

[www.linksa.com.au/school-routes/](http://www.linksa.com.au/school-routes/)

For more information regarding DECS buses, contact Victor Harbor High School:  
08 8551 1900

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Encounter Bus Fares:

- Zone 1: \$165 .00 per term
- Zone 2: \$185.00 per term
- Zone 3: \$215.00 per term
- Zone 4: \$235.00 per term
- Zone 5: \$255.00 per term

Casual Bus Pass: \$5.00 per trip

Passes are available with limited spaces available (to be purchased from Student Services).

To guarantee that a seat is reserved on the bus, we are asking parents to complete the Bus Transportation Application Form to indicate the bus service required and designated stop/s. In the event that buses are full, priority seating will be given to those students who have completed and returned the form.

By returning the Bus Transport Application Form, you are authorising the College to send you an invoice to be paid in full by the first day of each term (or yearly). Payment can be made via Bank Deposit or by contacting the College Student Services or Finance Office. This will guarantee unlimited travel for a student for the whole of the respective term/year.

If the student(s) no longer requires the bus service, please return the bus card and advise Student Services. If a bus card has been lost or no longer works, a new card will need to be purchased through Student Services at a cost of \$6.50 each.

If the student(s) needs to use the bus service on a one-off or casual basis, with no guarantee of a seat, casual bus passes are available via Student Services. Cost per pass is \$5.00 per trip.

### Willunga Charter Parent App

Partnering with Willunga Charter to improve the safety and transparency of the College bus service, students will be issued with a RFID College Bus Card that students will use to "tap on and off" as they use the bus each day. This will provide real time passenger manifests and provide peace of mind to parents/caregivers that the location of their student is known at all times.

The Willunga Charter parent app is available for download on all smart phone devices. Once registered, this allows families to monitor student's usage in real time.

Please access either the Apple AppStore or Google Play to download the app to your device. Search 'Willunga Charter'.

Parent contact numbers will be provided to Willunga Charter for drivers to access in the event of an emergency.

## **Reserving Your Place on Buses for 2026**

To guarantee your reservation on our bus services for the 2026 school year, please complete the Bus Transport Application Form, and return either in person to the Encounter Lutheran College Front Office or via email ([admin@encounter.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@encounter.sa.edu.au)).

Please complete a separate form for each student requiring the use of the bus service.

## **Further Information and Useful Links**

Information regarding the College bus service is available on the College website:

[www.encounter.sa.edu.au/enrolments/bus](http://www.encounter.sa.edu.au/enrolments/bus)

Bus route information is available on the Willunga Charter website:

<https://willungacharter.com.au/school/encounter-lutheran-college/>