



St. Michael's College

Bus Information Booklet



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This booklet is intended to provide information regarding the shared bus route provided by Bribie Island Coaches. St. Michael's College works closely with Bribie Island Coaches in order to provide the best possible school bus service for our families.

This booklet contains a copy of our College Bus Information for you to read through, together with a current timetable for the bus service (10) in the mornings and afternoons.

Within this booklet there are some points that we ask you to discuss with your child/ren regarding their conduct and responsibilities on the bus. Most importantly, please be very clear with your child about whether they are allowed to get off the bus in the afternoons if you are not waiting at the bus stop. Different families have different arrangements according to the age and level of independence of their child/ren. I have asked the drivers not to allow any children in Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 2 to disembark unless there is an adult to meet them. If your family arrangement differs to this, please let me know.

We have always enjoyed a fully cooperative relationship between Bribie Island Coaches and the College, as we work to ensure the service is as efficient and as safe as possible. However, some responsibility will always rest with the students themselves to remain aware of their surroundings and where they need to get off the bus. Some younger students can easily become confused about where they disembark in the afternoons, they can become overwhelmed by the behaviour of older children and, sometimes don't fully understand the ticket or Go Card systems.

The drivers are not expected to know each child and their travel arrangements individually. Parents need to consider their child's confidence and independence before using this service. St. Michael's College will continue to work with Bribie Island Coaches to make the bus route and service predictable irrespective of whether it is a regular or new driver.

Please do not hesitate to let us know of any concerns you may have about the bus service, as we work to provide a convenient and safe method of travel for your child/ren.



SERVICE PROVIDER

St. Michael's College is serviced by a bus run between the College and Bribie Island each morning and afternoon.

The bus service is provided by Bribie Island Coaches: 20-26 Armitage Street, Bribie Island. Qld 4507
Phone: 3408 2562

SERVICE PROVIDED

Bribie Island Coaches and St. Michael's College are very dedicated to working together to provide a safe and quality bus service for our students as follows:

- This service is a shared service
- In the morning when the bus arrives, students are met by a staff member on Bus Duty who supervises them crossing the pedestrian crossing on the College driveway.
- In the afternoon, staff ensure that students are seated on the bus with seatbelts fastened (if available) and seated in age groups with the youngest students at the front of the bus.
- A bus roll is marked in the afternoon by the staff member on Bus Duty. This is a record of which students boarded the bus at St. Michael's College.
- The bus drivers have been instructed by the College NOT to allow Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 2 students to disembark the bus in the afternoon if there is not a parent/caregiver waiting, (unless parents/caregivers have given their children permission to walk home).
- The bus will stop only at the designated bus stops on the schedule for School Service 10. A timetable is in this bus booklet available from Administration.
- St. Michael's College takes any reports of student misbehaviour on the bus very seriously as this can jeopardise safety and student well-being. Please report any behaviour of concern to the Principal.
- A message system is in place at St. Michael's College so that students and staff on Bus Duty can be informed about any change of plans for the afternoon. Please ring Administration prior to 2.30pm if possible.
- Students are permitted to have mobile phones so that they can be in communication with their parents/caregivers. Students are also permitted to bring game consoles to use on the bus. They can bring ipods or other electronic devices, but may only use them with earbuds, and cannot let anyone else listen to or share their music, this also includes listening to music on their phone. At all times students must comply with the St. Michael's College Acceptable Use of Personal Electronic Devices Policy. During the school day all personal electronic devices are stored in Administration. These items are collected by staff on Bus Duty in the morning, and given back to students by staff on duty in the afternoon.

CONSIDERATIONS

If parents/caregivers are considering using the bus service, the following points should be considered:

- Students from a range of ages from 4 – 12 years catch the bus together.
- Students in Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 2 must be met at the bus stop by an adult, unless alternative arrangements have been clearly communicated with the College and Bribie Island Coaches. If parents/caregivers are not at the bus stop, the student will remain on the bus and be taken back to the depot where they can be collected safely.
- As an alternative to having your child driven to the depot if you are running late, please call Bribie Island Coaches. They will communicate with the driver via the radio and organise an alternative place for you to meet the bus. This will avoid your child being driven all the way to the depot if this occurs.

- Families may make alternate arrangements, (e.g. if they have older children also on the bus) and give their children permission to walk home from the bus stop. However, we recommend that all students are met at their bus stop for their safety.
- Although the bus service normally provides a regular bus and driver, this will change from time to time. Please be aware that the driver may not know your child or their bus stop.
- While the bus service has been asked to provide a bus with seat belts, this is not always possible if their charter buses are in use. Sometimes the bus will not have seatbelts.
- The College and Bribie Island Coaches recommend the use of Go Cards for students. This eliminates the problems of finding correct change or money lost at school, and makes the boarding of the bus in the afternoon smooth and organised for students. Go Cards must be clearly named and secured in the top pocket of your child's bag with a lanyard.
- The College has a list of every student who catches the bus which is used for Bus Duty each afternoon. However, many of these students do not catch the bus every day. If your child is not at Bus Duty, we may not always realise to 'chase them up'. **If your child is likely to forget they are travelling home on the bus, we strongly recommend that you notify Administration so that a message is given to both the student and the member of staff on Bus Duty.**
- Please note that the bus driver is not provided with a list of students expected to be catching the bus each day. They simply drive the bus run each afternoon, and if they are a regular driver they begin to know some or all of the students. A new driver may not know your child's bus stop. Therefore, students need to be aware of their travel arrangements and bus stop location.

SAFETY RULES FOR STUDENTS

If your child/ren use the Bribie Bus service, we ask that you **regularly** discuss the following points with them about bus travel:

- Once they are seated, they must fasten their seatbelt (if provided), and not move seats for the remainder of the trip.
- They can talk quietly to the students next to them, but not call out in the bus to other students.
- They need to look out for their bus stop, and be ready to ask the driver to stop if he doesn't stop at their stop. This is especially important if the driver is not the regular driver.
- Not to get off the bus if a parent/caregiver is not there to meet them, (if they know they are always met by a parent/caregiver).
- Know that if they are not met at the bus stop, the driver will contact the bus depot to ring the parents/caregivers. They will be safe on the bus, and taken back to the bus depot for safe collection.
- If students are buying a daily or weekly ticket, they must keep it safely stored to show the different drivers.
- If using a Go Card, they need to remember to scan it as they get on and off the bus or the charges on the card may be higher than the fare.
- If using a Go Card, remind the children that they are an item of value and represent cash and need to be kept safe and secure.

School Run 10 (6532) – PM Run	
Previous School pick-ups	
Depart St. Michael's College	3.33pm
Stop at Bus Stop opp Browns Rd before Volz Rd	3.34pm
(R) Peel Road, (L) Fauna Way	
(R) Roundabout cocos Cl & Neylon Dve	3:38pm
Stop at Bus Stop after Peel Rd intersection	3.43pm
(L) Aylward Rd	3.45pm
(R) Relesah Dve	3.47pm
(R) Pinelands Way	3.48pm
(L) Bribie Island Rd	
(R) Roundabout into Bestmann Rd West	3.49pm
Stop opp between Greygum & Boxgum Crt	3.50pm
Stop opp 651 Bestmann Rd West	3.51pm
Stop cnr Fairhaven	3.52pm
Stop opp Rose St	3.53pm
Continue along Bestmann Rd	
Stop cnr Corrimal Pl	3.54pm
Stop outside Retirement Village	3.55pm
Stop outside IGA Shopping Centre	3.56pm
(R) Peerless Way	3.57pm
(L) Carpenter Way	3.58pm
Continue through roundabout	
(R) Bestmann Rd, (L) Lachlan Cres	4:01pm
(L) Bestmann Rd, (R) Bribie Island Rd	
Bus stop before Bribie Island Bridge	4:02pm
(S) over Pumicestone Passage Bridge	
Bus Stop outside Op Shop on Benabrow Ave	4:08pm
(L) Eucalypt St	4:09pm
(R) Boronia Drive	4:12pm
(R) Verdoni St, (L) Faraday St	
(L) Sunderland Dve	4:13pm
(R) Avon Ave	4.15pm
(L) Roundabout into Endeavour Dve	4.18pm
(L) Roundabout into Quarterdeck Dve	4.19pm
U-turn at 1 st roundabout to head back out	
(L) Roundabout into Endeavour Dve	4.20pm
(L) Sunderland Dve, Stop at Woolworths Shopping Centre	4.21pm
Continue on Sunderland Dve	4.22pm
Straight at Roundabout into Goodwin Dve	4.25pm
(R) Kangaroo Ave	4.27pm
(L) Bestman Ave (R) Hall Ave	
(L) Welsby Pde, straight into Toorbul St	4.31pm
(L) Webster St	4.32pm
(L) Hunter St	
(R) First Ave	4.36pm
(L) Jacana Ave, continues into Second Ave	
(R) North St (stop at units on corner)	4.41pm
(L) Roundabout into Boyd St	4.42pm
(R) Arcadia Ave	4.44pm

School Run 10 (6532) – AM Run	
Proceed (L) at First Ave, (L) Jacana Ave, Continues into Second Ave	
(R) North St (stop at units on corner)	6:45am
(L) Roundabout into Boyd St	6:47am
(R) Arcadia Ave	6:49am
(L) First Ave	6:51am
(L) Hunter St	
(R) Webster St	6:53am
(R) Toorbul St, Continue as Welsby Pde	6:55am
(R) Hall Ave (L) Bestman Ave	
(R) Kangaroo Ave	6:58am
(L) Roundabout into Goodwin Dve	7.00am
(R) Roundabout into Sunderland Dve	7.02am
(R) Avon Ave	7.05am
(L) Roundabout into Endeavour Dve	7.08am
(L) Roundabout into Quarterdeck Dve	
U-turn at 1 st roundabout to head back out	
(L) Roundabout into Endeavour Dve	
Continue through roundabouts	
(L) Sunderland Dve, Stop @ Woolworths Shopping Centre	7.15am
Continue on Sunderland Dve	7.16am
(R) Faraday St	
(R) Verdoni St	
(L) Boronia Dve	7.19am
(L) Eucalypt St	7.20am
(R) Roundabout into Benabrow Ave (Bridge)	7:24am
(S) over Pumicestone Passage Bridge	
(L) Bestmann Rd East	7:27am
(R) Lachlan Cres	7.29am
(R) Bestmann Rd East	
(L) Roundabout into Carpenter Way	7.33am
Continue through roundabout	
(R) Peerless Way	7.34am
(L) Bestmann Rd East	
Stop opp IGA Shopping Centre	7.35am
Stop cnr Carpenter Way	7.36am
Stop opp Corrimal Place	7.37am
Continue along Bestmann Rd East	
Stop cnr Rose St	7.38am
Stop opp Fairhaven Drive	7.40am
Stop at 651 Bestmann Rd West	
Stop between Boxgum and Greygum Crt	7.43am
(L) Roundabout into Bribie Island Rd	7.44am
Stop at bus stop after Bestmann Rd West	
(R) Pinelands Way	7:46am
(L) Relesah Drive	7:48am
(L) Aylward Rd	7:50am
(R) Bribie Island Rd	
Stop at Bus Stop after Peel Rd	7:52am
Stop at Bus Stop after Browns Rd	7:54am
Continue along Bribie Island Rd	
(R) Old Toorbul Point Rd	
Arrive St. Michael's College	8.00am
Continue on for further drop offs.	

CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

If you require your child to catch the Bribie Island bus to and/or from school please refer to the below checklist.

1. Contact Bribie Island Coaches and let them know you have a student at the College.
2. Set up a GoCard for your child.
3. Advise the College of the frequency and the days of the week your child will be catching the bus home – they will be added to a bus list.

PLEASE NOTE

In the mornings

- Students are met by a staff member and guided across the driveway.
- All electronic devices are to be handed in for safekeeping at the Office during the day.

In the afternoons

- Bus students are supervised by a staff member as they wait for the bus to arrive and as they cross the driveway to the bus.
- Electronic devices are returned to students to take home.
- A roll is taken to identify the students who catch the bus each afternoon.

Bribie Island Coaches

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