Bus Service Policy, Information & Fees 2026

Westside Christian College
Achievement Belonging Care

Transport Fees - The fees for Transport are shown below for 2026.

Bus Transport Fees				
Zone	**Trip**	**First Child (per term*)**	**Second Child (per term*)**	**Third + Child/ren**
Zone 1	Both Ways	$299	$254	Nil
	One Way (AM)	$227	$193	Nil
	One Way (PM)	$230	$196	Nil
	Tailored	$9 per trip	$8 per trip	Nil
	Alternative Stop	$3 per trip	$2.55 per trip	Nil
	Exam Shuttle	$10 per trip	$10 per trip	$10 per trip
Zone 2	Both Ways	$381	$324	Nil
	One Way (AM)	$290	$246	Nil
	One Way (PM)	$293	$249	Nil
	Tailored	$10 per trip	$9 per trip	Nil
	Alternative Stop	$3.80 per trip	$3.25 per trip	Nil
	Exam Shuttle	$11 per trip	$11 per trip	$11 per trip
Zone 3	Both Ways	$414	$352	Nil
	One Way (AM)	$315	$267	Nil
	One Way (PM)	$319	$271	Nil
	Tailored	$11 per trip	$10 per trip	Nil
	Alternative Stop	$4.15 per trip	$3.50 per trip	Nil
	Exam Shuttle	$12 per trip	$12 per trip	$12 per trip
Zone 4	Both Ways	$483	$411	Nil
	One Way (AM)	$367	$312	Nil
	One Way (PM)	$372	$316	Nil
	Tailored	$12 per trip	$11 per trip	Nil
	Alternative Stop	$4.80 per trip	$4 per trip	Nil
	Exam Shuttle	$13 per trip	$13 per trip	$13 per trip
*Each term is charged for 10 weeks				

Parents should note that each bus service has limited seating, and preference will be given to students with permanent bookings (Both ways, one-way AM, or one-way PM). As a result, Tailored Travel bookings may not be accommodated on all routes. Additionally, any seats allocated to Tailored Travel are subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time throughout the year if required for permanent bookings.

All bus travellers must be registered with the College Transport Department by submitting a completed Bus Application form each year to travel on our college buses.

Permanent Bookings in 2026

Permanent bookings will be billed to the College Fees Account per term.
Permanent Bookings are for one stop location for mornings and one stop location for afternoons.

Both Ways - To and from school travel each day (one stop location morning, and one stop location afternoon)

One Way AM - Morning only travel each day (one stop location)

One Way PM - Afternoon only travel each day (one stop location)

Tailored - Up to five permanent trips per week. Tailored travel must be on nominated days each week (e.g. Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon). Tailored travel cannot be refunded or rescheduled. Tailored Travel is subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time throughout the year if the seat is required for a permanent booking.

Alternative Stop

To be eligible for an alternative stop, families must hold an existing permanent both ways, one way AM or one way PM booking. An alternative stop fee will apply when different stop locations are required throughout the week. For example, when a student travels home (their permanent booking) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and to an alternative stop on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the charge will be applied for the Tuesday and Thursday travel. Alternative stops must be a nominated trip on a nominated day for the whole term and cannot be rescheduled or refunded. Alternative stops are subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time throughout the year if the seat is required for a permanent booking.
An Alternative Stop Fee applies and is charged per alternative stop, per trip, per term, in addition to the permanent booking.

Exam Shuttle

The exam shuttle service is available exclusively to Year 11 and Year 12 students following morning exams during the exam block. All bookings for the exam shuttle must be made at least one week prior to the start of the exam block. Same-day bookings will not be accepted. To use the exam bus service, students are required to purchase a ticket via Schoolbox, regardless of whether they normally use the regular bus service. Bookings will open upon release of the exam timetable and will close one week before the exam block commences. The bus will depart promptly from the front of the College once all morning exams have concluded. Please note that this service operates based on demand; therefore, no late registrations will be accepted after the booking deadline.
If a student fails to attend their booked exam shuttle and does not notify the Transport Department by 8:30am on the day of departure, a $20 no-show fee will be charged to the parent's College Fees Account.

Week On, Week Off and Fortnightly

Students may travel on week-on, week-off and fortnightly travel schedules, however these bookings will be charged per route at the full fare.

Changes in Permanent Bookings

All changes need to be advised to the Transport Department in writing at least one week prior to implementation of the change. Where more than one change in a permanent booking occurs during the term, a fee of $25.00 may apply for any further changes per student during that term.

Cancelling or Changing Bus Travel

When cancelling bus travel or making changes for the upcoming term, you must notify the Transport Department in writing before the deadlines listed below. If notice is not received by these dates, a Cancellation Fee of $100 per family will be charged to your Fees Account.

- 16 January 2026 for Term 1
- 27 March 2026 for Term 2
- 2 June 2026 for Term 3
- 11 September 2026 for Term 4

Transport fees are calculated on a 10-week term basis. No fee reductions will be given for partial term usage. Additionally, if a student is excluded from the bus service due to misbehaviour, no reduction will be made for that term's transport charges. The College maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding bus misbehaviour.

Students from Kindergarten

Transport services are generally not available for Kindergarten students. However, exceptions may be made for children aged 4 years or older if they have older siblings using the transport service. For inquiries regarding transport options for Kindergarten students, please contact the Transport Department.

Students Prep to Year 6

Primary students (Prep to Year 6) must be accompanied by a secondary school-aged sibling or met by an adult at their designated stop in order to be permitted to leave the bus. If no parent or carer is available to meet them at the afternoon bus stop, the student will be returned to the College and placed in the care of Westside Christian College OSHC. Parents will be responsible for the cost of OSHC for that afternoon. This process is to ensure the safety of young children carried on the College bus services.

Bus Routes

Our regular bus routes are designed annually based on demand, with adjustments made each term as necessary. Below is a list of current suburbs and zones served by our bus routes. If your suburb is not included, please reach out to our Transport Department for assistance.

Westside 2025 Bus Zones			
Suburb	**Zone**	**Suburb**	**Zone**
Augustine Heights	2	Kenmore	4
Barellan Point	3	Kholo	4
Bellbird Park	1	Leichhardt	3
Bellbowrie	4	Middle Park	2
Blacksoil	4	Moggill	4
Blackstone	2	Moores Pocket	3
Booval	2	Mt Crosby	3
Brassall	3	Mt Ommaney	2
Brookwater	2	New Beith	4
Bundamba	2	Newtown	3
Camira	1	North Booval	3
Carole Park	2	North Ipswich	3
Churchill	3	One Mile	3
Chuwar	3	Oxley	3
Coalfalls	3	Pallara	3
Collingwood Park	1	Pine Mountain (Hub)	4
Corinda	3	Pinjarra Hills	4
Darra	2	Pullenvale	4
Deebing Heights (North)	3	Raceview	3
Deebing Heights (South)	4	Redbank	1
Dinmore	2	Redbank Plains	2
Doolandella	3	Richlands	2
Durack	3	Ripley	3
East Ipswich	3	Riverhills	2
Eastern Heights	3	Riverview	1
Ebbw Vale	2	Sadliers Crossing	3
Ellen Grove	2	Seventeen Mile Rocks	3
Fig Tree Pocket	4	Sherwood	4
Flinders View	3	Silkstone	2
Forest Lake	2	Sinnamon Park	3
Forestdale	3	Spring Mountain (via Springfield)	2
Gailes	1	Spring Mountain (via New Beith)	4
Goodna	1	Springfield	2
Graceville	4	Springfield Lakes	2
Greenbank	4	Sumner Park	2
Heathwood	3	Tivoli	3
Hillcrest	4	Wacol	1
Inala	2	Walloon (Hub)	4
Ipswich	3	West Ipswich	3
Jamboree Heights	2	Westlake	2
Jindalee	2	White Rock	3
Karalee	3	Woodend	3
Karana Downs	3	Yamanto	3