

Application for Student Bus Transport 2023



Refer to all the documents in this application pack before completing this application.

Family Name:	Date of Application:
Child's Name:	Grade:
Child's Name:	Grade:
Child's Name:	Grade:
Child's Name:	Grade:

Parent's Name:	Contact Number:
Email address:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME:	NUMBER:
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TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Preferred pick-up location:	Preferred drop-off location:
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Days Required:

Monday	AM PM
Tuesday	AM PM
Wednesday	AM PM
Thursday	AM PM
Friday	AM PM

Bus Travel Required:

- Annual
- Term
- Casual 10
- Casual 20

Commencement Date: _____

FOR PREP- YR 6 STUDENTS It is a condition of travel on the TLCC Bus that an adult is to be waiting at the pick-up/drop-off location to drop-off and collect your child/ren. Please write the nominated adults in the space provided:

ADULT 1- Full Name:	Relation to Student:
ADULT 2- Full Name:	Relation to Student:
ADULT 3- Full Name:	Relation to Student:
<i>Note: If the adult waiting is not one of the above listed, your child/ren will not be allowed off the bus unless TLCC office staff have been previously advised.</i>	

Does your child/ren have any behavioural issues related to bus travel? **Yes / No**

Has your child/ren been refused or suspended from any 'bus transport' previously? **Yes / No**

Is there any medical information, relevant to your bus travel application? **Yes / No**

If you have answered **Yes** to any of the above, please provide additional information: _____

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Agreement and Procedure



AGREEMENT:

Subject to acceptance of this application:

1. I agree with the 'Terms & Conditions of College Bus Travel' and 'Bus Rules for Student Travel'; attached to this document.
2. I have read the New South Wales Transport Department's booklet, 'Code of Conduct for School Children Travelling on Buses'; attached to this document and I acknowledge and support the College's requirement to implement and uphold these guidelines.
3. I will teach, discuss, and promote safe bus travel with my child/ren.
4. I understand that unacceptable and/or unsafe behaviour from my child, as outlined in the above documents, may result in my child being suspended from bus use.
5. I give permission for my child/ren to travel on the College bus to and from the negotiated pick-up and drop-off points.
6. I understand if my child/ren is/are in classes from Prep to Year 6 at the College that one of the nominated adults listed on page 1 must remain with my child/ren at the pick-up location in the morning until the bus arrives and must be present and waiting at the drop off location in the afternoon, unless other wise stipulated in writing to the college.
7. I will submit a new **Application for Student Bus Transport** form to Administration at least **1 week** before any permanent changes to pick-up or drop-off locations are required. (Application does not guarantee route changes will be possible.) All changes must be confirmed with Administrative staff, **not with Bus Drivers**.
8. I understand that a refund or credit is not available for Annual and Term travel options.
9. I understand that the **Annual Travel** options require completion of a Direct Debit/Credit Card Request & Authority form for payment unless payment is made in full in the first week of Term 1 2023.
10. I understand that all fees must be paid by 1/12/2023.

I acknowledge and will abide by the above agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Entitlement to a position on a TLCC bus is dependent upon bus fees being paid in a timely manner and will be reviewed each term.

PROCEDURE FROM HERE:

1. Return application form to Administration Reception.
2. Administration will process the application and contact you to discuss the application and outline the possibilities for your inclusion into the current bus system. (Refer to Terms & Conditions.)
3. When verbal agreement is reached the College will inform you of suggested pick-up/drop-off points and times, bus number, driver, and bus phone number.
4. You will be invoiced the appropriate amount.

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Bus Transport Information

An application form must be completed and submitted to the College office before transport will be available for your child/ren.

After the College has approved your application you will be contacted to discuss bussing options available to your family. There are **five travel options** available. Invoices will be sent at the beginning of the year or at date of commencement. Full payment must be made by 1/12/2023.

Families requiring students to be transported to and/or from Child Care Centres/Before and After School Care Centres will need to select one of the 5 travel options below, charges apply. Families using the **Annual Travel** options will need to complete a Direct Debit/Credit Card Request & Authority form for payment unless

payment is made in full in the first week of Term 1 2023.

Annual

Gives access to both morning and afternoon bus travel for the entire 2023 school year. A direct Debit/Credit Card payment Request & Authority form needs to be completed for this option.

Annual -One Way

This pass will give access to either morning **or** afternoon bus travel, for the entire 2023 school year. A direct Debit/Credit Card payment Request & Authority form needs to be completed for this option.

Term

Gives access to both morning and afternoon bus travel for **one term only**. An application form must be submitted prior to the

commencement of each school term.

Term- One Way

This pass will give access to either morning **or** afternoon bus travel, for one term only. An application form must be submitted prior to the commencement of each school term.

Casual

These passes are available as a 10 or 20 trip pass.

Note: Credit/Refund on unused Annual and Term Bus passes is not available. Public holidays are already factored into the pricing.

If a student is absent for an extended time with a good reason, a request in writing may be made to the Principal for special consideration of your situation.

Two Way Travel			One Way Travel			Casual		
	Annual	Term		Annual	Term		10 Trips	20 Trips
1 Student	\$1123	\$281	1 Student	\$729	\$183	1 Student	\$53	\$104
2 Students	\$1918	\$480	2 Students	\$1216	\$305	2 Students	\$105	\$208
3 Students	\$2603	\$652	3 Students	\$1622	\$407	3 Students	\$153	\$297
additional	\$664	\$166	additional	\$426	\$108	additional	\$47	\$89

All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey to and from school, as a pleasant trip can set the tone for a day of productive learning. However, the inappropriate behaviour of a small number of students can spoil the trip for many. The following **Terms and Conditions** and **Bus Rules for Student Travel** explain in detail what is expected of all people involved in student travel on The Lakes Christian College bus.

Terms & Conditions of College Bus Travel

BUS ADMINISTRATION

1. An 'Application for Student Bus Transport' form will need to be completed with both parent/carer and the College agreeing to all details.
2. The 'Application for Student Bus Transport' form is only valid until the end of the 2023 College year, or until you terminate your bus use.
3. If your child/ren is/are suspended from bus travel, you will be required to submit a new Application for Student Bus Travel.
4. All bus invoices for 2023 must be paid in full by the 1/12/2023.
5. If you have selected a **Term** pass for your child/ren please ensure that you collect and submit a new bus application form before the last week of the College term if you wish to continue using the bus service. If you do not, transport may not be available.
6. If you have selected a **Casual** pass for your child/ren please ensure that a new bus application form is collected and submitted before the last 4 trips are used if you wish to continue using the bus service.

BUS BEHAVIOUR & CONDUCT

7. Parent/carers are to take an active part in promoting and teaching 'Safe Bus Travel' to their child/ren, in line with the College Bus Rules and the NSW Transport requirements for public transport.
8. The College is only responsible for your child/ren from the time they are either entering the bus in the morning or leaving the bus in the afternoon.
9. **The Bus runs to a precise time schedule every day. If your**

child/ren are not at the designated morning location pick up on time and no call has been received, the driver will move on and continue the route without your child. Of an afternoon, if a student is not on the College bus by 3:10pm, the office will be alerted, and a call put out, the bus may leave without them. It is then their responsibility to contact you from the College office, to explain and make other transport arrangements with you.

BUS OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

10. The morning bus student pickups commence at approximately 7am to reach the College by 8:20am, with the afternoon runs commencing at 3:10pm and concluding by approximately 4:30pm.
11. All bus routes are set at the commencement of each year. As our bus demand increases, we will always try to offer any new applicant family the closest efficient solution to accommodate their application, within our current bus logistical plan (time, distance, seating capacity). Our aim is to be able to service the major roads in most of the local areas/suburbs.
12. The College understands parents' concerns and the desire for convenience with regards to their child/ren's access to a bus. However, due to the limited time to cover such a large area, it may not be possible to meet your preferred pickup/drop off location.
13. If you do not require a scheduled daily pickup of your child/ren, it is important that you contact the office on 4708 9800.

14. If requesting any small or short-term adjustments to normal bus arrangements, a signed Application for Student Bus Transport form is to be presented to Administration, at **least 3 days** prior to give appropriate time for a response.
15. Any longer-term changes to location details on the Application for Student Bus Transport will need to be renegotiated with the College.
16. The bus will always try to remain in a consistent/regular time frame each day, to assist all families using the bus. If the bus will be very late to the Pick-up/Drop off location, the College or driver will contact you on the phone numbers that have been provided on the application form. (Our road network is getting busier every day.)
17. As a growing College, we are only able to provide limited bus seating capacity. **In the event of the bus reaching full seating capacity, preference will be first given to Annual passes, then Term passes, followed by casual bus pass holders.**
18. In the afternoon, if the parent/carer is not at the designated bus drop off location, the bus will continue and complete the total route. At the completion, your child will be delivered back to the College. You will need to collect your child/ren from the College.
19. The College will comply with all NSW Transport legislation for breaches of bus student conduct and the resultant consequences.

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Bus Rules for Student Travel

1. Follow the bus driver/monitor's safety instructions without argument and show respect for their authority.
2. No eating or drinking on the bus. (Water bottles are allowed when necessary.)
3. No swearing or using offensive language/talk will be tolerated on the bus.
4. Always treat other students and their possessions with care and respect. Keep your hands, feet and all your belongings to yourself.
5. Place school bags under seats or at your feet where possible.
6. No verbal or physical bullying or harassing of other students will be tolerated. This includes verbal put-downs, teasing, unfriendly gestures, name calling, etc.
7. No inappropriate touching or hugging other students on the bus.
8. When boarding or exiting the bus, do so in a quiet, safe, polite, and organised manner. No pushing or shoving.
9. Remain in your bus seat, facing the front with your back against the seat.
10. Where a seatbelt is provided, always keep it on until the bus has stopped, and you are to exit the bus.
11. Speak quietly at all times. Do not distract the driver with any of your actions or excessive talk/noise. Do not call or yell out the windows.
12. When directed by the driver/monitor, change to another seat immediately, without arguing. If the driver/monitor is suspicious of a particularly close seating arrangement, especially between a male and female student. He may require seating changes.
13. Mobile phones use is limited to listening to music through headphones ONLY. Camera use, sharing of social media, making calls and electronic games are strictly prohibited on the bus. Leave them in your bag. Request permission from the driver, at the next scheduled stop if you need to use your phone. Return the device to your bag immediately after call/text.
14. Do not stand or move around the bus while it is moving. Stay seated until bus has stopped at your stop and passenger door has been opened.
15. Do not throw anything inside or out of the bus. Nothing should be placed through or outside the windows (includes spitting, objects, arms, waving, etc).
16. Wait in a safe and orderly manner for the bus. Leave the bus stop in a safe way, staying on footpaths and following all road safety rules. Never cross the road in front of the bus. Use crossings or traffic lights to cross-roads where available.
17. Full school uniform is to be worn correctly at all times on the bus.

Unacceptable or dangerous behaviour may result in loss of travel privileges for a period of time. Parents will be informed of any misconduct and students may incur further disciplinary action under the College Discipline Guidelines. Serious breaches of any of the above rules may result in students being banned from travelling on College buses.

Students are to remember that their place on the bus depends upon their behaviour. Unacceptable student behaviour places at risk the safety of **all** traveling on the bus.

The safety of our College students and staff is of the highest priority to us. Every school day throughout the year, a significant number of our students travel on buses either on sport or excursion trips, or morning and afternoon bus transport to and from the College. On the buses, the bus monitor and/or driver is the person in charge. They have the authority of the College to promote and maintain a safe traveling environment for all traveling.

To help build a spirit of co-operation and to help students to enjoy and be safe in their school bus traveling, we aim to ensure discipline and other organisational matters are clear, consistent, and fair. Therefore, staff and families should help the students understand what the *"Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel"* is about.