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Student Bus Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct sets out acceptable standards of behaviour for students travelling on school buses and regular route buses.

Students are expected to follow not only the school rules but also the following simple rules for the safety and comfort of all passengers, including themselves.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of travel passes for subsidised travel, a ban from travelling on buses, and may even lead to police prosecution and court action.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

- ❖ Behaving appropriately
 - respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (e.g. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission)
 - give up seats to all adults and any disabled passengers
 - adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
 - obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
 - keep arms, legs and head inside the bus
 - refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency

- ❖ Respecting property
 - protect bus property
 - ensure that buses are not vandalised
 - report any vandalism, e.g. graffiti and window etching

- ❖ Opal Cards
 - Tap on and Tap off using your Opal card at the beginning and the end of your journey

- keep your Opal Card for your own use – you should not lend your Opal Card to other students or borrow one from them.