

SCHOOL-OWNED BUSES

NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:

To ensure Naranga School:

- Safely maintains any vehicle they own
- Hires a vehicle that is roadworthy
- Complies with driver's licensing requirements when using vehicles they own or hire

Aims:

To ensure that Naranga school:

- Ensures that buses are registered with the Public Transport Safety Victoria if they own a passenger vehicle with more than ten seats (including the driver)
- Ensures vehicles they hire, use or own that seat up to twelve passengers have seat belts or restraints for children under 7 years of age, see: S558-2009 Changes to Child Restraint Laws and S561-2009 Changes to Child Restraint Laws - Clarification
- Maintains roadworthy vehicles and ensures repairs are completed by a qualified mechanic
- Insures vehicles they own and have are annually inspected by a licensed bus tester
- Meets all costs of purchase and maintenance of the vehicle
- Only hires accredited, insured and roadworthy vehicles.
- Principals must ensure that school bus drivers hold a correct and current driver's licence.
- Students must not drive buses under any circumstances.

Bus drivers:

VicRoads is responsible for the licensing of drivers in Victoria and provides advice on the types of licences required to drive a variety of vehicles including buses used for school excursions and other events, see: Licence Categories. A driver of a bus must not have alcohol or drugs present in his/her blood or breath immediately before, or while, driving a bus.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

To be read in conjunction with Naranga School "OHS" and "Excursions" policies.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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