

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



FROM THE HEADMASTER

22 February 2019

Dear Parents of boys travelling on School buses

Re: Acceptable use of technology on School bus services

Safety of all boys on the School bus services is very important. In 2018, the use of technology on the bus was assessed and it was highlighted that there were concerns relating to the safe use of devices.

Concerns included, but were not limited to;

- Images – using phone cameras to take photos and manipulate images without permission
- Gaming – playing games that are not age appropriate.
- And, Internet access – unrestricted, unsupervised access to internet content.

Boys are allowed to have to have phones for the purposes of making calls or texts for their safety. No restrictions will be placed by the School on which devices may be used, however, it is strongly encouraged that the boys use a phone similar to a Nokia 3310 which allows for calls and texts only.

For the purposes of making a clear and simple expectation for all boys who travel on the bus, it is expected that all devices must remain in bags during travel, with only the exception of taking a call or text if required. Consequences for boys using phones for the purposes of taking photos, browsing internet or gaming is to be suspended from using the bus service.

Managing the safety of your son on the bus is a responsibility that we all share. Please discuss with your son what is the safe use of technology and why these expectations are important in supporting him and those around him.

Technology is ever changing and there is no 'one size fits all' way to restrict access. On Tuesday 4 June, the whole School community is invited to an evening presentation by Dr Kristy Goodwin to better inform us all on ways we can manage the safe use of technology for all boys.

Teachers meet with boys regularly to discuss appropriate behaviour on the bus and boys are encouraged to speak with their Form Master or Mr Derrin at any time to discuss their concerns. These expectations will be followed up throughout the year.

Attached is a Code of Conduct for the bus service. Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely



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School Bus Code of Conduct

Boys will;

- Keep all electronic devices in their bags for the duration of the bus journey
- Remain seated at all times
- Show respect and courtesy to the driver of the service
- Keep noise to minimum, speaking in conversational tone to those around him.
- Apply Carrington's Code to all actions with his peers on the bus

Boys may;

- Take calls or texts where completely necessary

Boys will not;

- Use inappropriate language
- Access the internet, games or cameras on their devices