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BUS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

To meet the duty of care obligations to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students whilst travelling to and from Our Lady of the Way on a bus, the school recognises the importance of supporting the NSW Governments, Transport for NSW Guidelines for Managing School Student Behaviour on Buses and the associated Code of Conduct for students, bus drivers, operators, school Principals and parents/guardians.

2.0 Aims

Our Lady of the Way School is committed to:

- 2.1 Communicating the Code of Conduct with all community members.
- 2.2 Upholding the expectations detailed in the Code of Conduct

3.0 Code of Conduct

The NSW Government, Transport for NSW Guidelines for Managing School Student Behaviour on Buses has implemented The Code of Conduct for students, bus drivers, operators, school Principals and parents/guardians

The code of conduct applies to all school children enrolled in a government or non-government school, whether they use a government or private bus, and irrespective of whether they travel under the School Student Transport Scheme.

The code of conduct contains lawful requirements published under the Passenger Transport Regulation 2007.

The guidelines were devised to ensure all stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities whilst traveling on a bus in NSW. Responsibilities are outlined for;

- Students
- Parents
- Principals or their delegates

- Bus drivers
- Operators
- Transport NSW

The Guidelines identify categories of misbehaviour and establish appropriate periods where bus operators may suspend or refuse travel in response to breaches of the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct sets out acceptable standards of behaviour for students travelling on school buses and regular route buses. Students are expected to follow these rules for the safety and comfort of all passengers, including themselves. If the rules are not followed, it may lead to the withdrawal of travel passes for subsidised travel, banning students from travelling on buses, and even police prosecution and court action.

The NSW Guidelines for Managing School Student Behaviour on Buses, The Code of Conduct for students, bus drivers, operators, school Principals and parents/guardians can be found at transport.nsw.gov.au

The school will provide the guidelines to parents on an annual basis.

4.0 Excursions / School Events

The Code of Conduct penalties do not apply to students on school charters. School PBS4L expectations would apply in such circumstances and inappropriate behaviour will be managed in accordance with school policies and procedures.

5.0 RELATED AND SUPPORTING POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- PBS4L School Procedures

6.0 Evaluation

The Principal, with delegated responsibility to the Leadership Team is responsible for the planning, implementation and review of this policy.