



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Dear St John's Community

The recent Michaelhouse bus tragedy has highlighted the anxiety every parent feels when their child is transported by the school – whether it be to and from sports events, school outings, or the annual camp most of our grades embark on.

St John's College would like to assure all parents that we take every precaution in transporting your children. This includes:

- Using only the larger, more reputable fleet operators, with on-board telematics (driver tracking) systems;
- Using an Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Risk Management firm to audit our transport processes and to formalise our procedures including, amongst other things, checking drivers' licenses and Professional Drivers' Permits ("PDP's"), vehicle checks including roadworthy certificates, annual AA inspections and individual vehicle checklists;
- Requiring written confirmation from our approved operators that all their vehicles have both the required tracking systems and seatbelts;
- Ensuring that a St John's College staff member accompanies our pupils on all buses;
- Ensuring that staff members use a checklist to assess the overall condition of the bus prior to departure as well as ensuring that the operators' vehicle checklists are signed and up to date;
- Staff members ensuring all pupils have working seat belts, **which are fastened**, before the bus departs;
- Staff being in possession of a first aid kit on all of our St John's buses, and all fleet operators having first aid kits on board all of their buses;
- Staff having emergency contact lists on all buses; and
- Regular communication between the staff members and the school regarding the progress of the journey and safe arrival.

Tours, camps and school outings are truly exciting times for pupils and the journey on a bus is as much an experience as the outing itself. It would greatly assist the school and our staff members if you could regularly impress upon your children the importance of wearing their seatbelts at all times – as well as modelling this life-saving habit in your day-to-day journeys.

Your children are very precious and we make every effort to ensure that they arrive and return safely from outings having learned new skills, had a multitude of positive new experiences, and enjoyed the journey.

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