

# TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL!

## Bus travel

- Students travelling on the buses must have a green Bus Form completed and returned to school.
- There is one teacher on duty at the Monivae interchange each morning and afternoon to assist our students' arrivals and departures. This teacher also helps students to cross the Monivae driveway and begin their walk down the path to our school site.
- Two teachers will assemble bus travellers and walk with them to the interchange at the end of each day.
- There are buses which do not pick up from Monivae until approximately 3.50 - 4.00pm. Students travelling on these buses are supervised at school at the end of the day and then walked up to the interchange to meet the bus.
- If you would like more information on the country or town bus services please contact the school.
- Please note that parents must register country bus travel through PTV – Public Transport Victoria for students to be eligible to travel. <https://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au/>
- Students are not permitted to travel on the town bus system without payment.
- Please notify the school office if there are any changes to travel arrangements for your family.

## Car travel

- Cars can only enter and leave our site from Hiller Lane. There are turning and passing lanes at the school entry to assist with the smooth use of this road. Cars can turn left or right when entering and leaving the driveway.
- Students must not be dropped off at school before 8.30am. All students must be picked up in the afternoon no later than 3.30pm.
- There is a drop off/pick up zone for delivering and collecting students from school at the start and end of each day. The safety of children, staff and parents is the major consideration for directions in this area.
  - Cars will not park in this area.
  - Vehicles must stop as far forward in the zone as possible.
  - Children must exit and enter the car from the left hand side of the vehicle only. There are dangers associated with using the right hand side when there is passing traffic on this side.
  - If you need to assist students to either get out of or into the vehicle please park in the short term spaces to allow the drop off zone to flow smoothly. Please do not stop and get out of your car in the drop off/pick up zone.
- If your children are not ready at the pick up zone at the end of the day you can either park in the carpark and wait for them or do another lap of the roundabout.

- A short term carpark is located adjacent to the roundabout for the purposes of quick trips into the school during the day e.g. visit the school office, collect a sick child. Maximum parking stay in this area is 10 minutes. Long term parking, ie longer than ten minutes, is only available in the carpark area.
- Parents may choose to park in this long term carpark at the end of the day and walk to collect their children from the front of the school. Students will not be permitted to walk to cars unsupervised. Please remain on the footpath provided as much as possible.
- Please use your full concentration whenever using the driveway, drop off zone and carpark areas.
- Some families may choose to make one drop off and pick up for St Mary's and Monivae students. You are required to adhere to the directions provided for drop off zones at both schools and ensure that your children have safe paths of travel to make their final destination on foot.
- If there are no spaces available to park usually a short wait sees one become free. Please do not park on the road along the driveway as parked cars impede the flow of traffic. Patience is appreciated.
- Respect for all users – and for staff providing directions and supervision – is expected at all times.
- There will most certainly be busy periods for this area of the school and you are asked to keep a close eye on the weekly newsletter for updates. Your patience is also appreciated!

## Walking and riding

- There are two routes children can use if they choose to walk or ride to and from school:
  - Enter the Monivae gate closest to the school crossing on Ballarat Rd – **walk** down the path to the bus interchange – cross with teacher supervision – continue journey down the footpath to school (reverse in the afternoon and walk up with bus students and teachers).
  - Enter the path from the Strachan St side of the Monivae site and **walk** to school across the grass area (no crossing of driveways required). No teacher supervision.
- Students are not permitted to enter the site on bike or foot from Hiller Lane. This is a safety issue as the road verge on Hiller Lane does not cater for pedestrian traffic.
- As per our school rules only children from Grade 3 – 6 are permitted to ride to school. Helmets must be worn. Bikes, scooters etc must be walked as soon as students enter Monivae College.
- A bike shelter has been provided at the end of the shed. Bike locks are recommended.
- It is the responsibility of parents to work with their children on devising a safe route to and from school. The above arrangements have been made to ensure safe paths of travel once they enter Monivae and St Mary's and must be adhered to.