



Upper Hutt College

SCHOOL BUSES - 2022

School buses begin running on **Wednesday 2 February 2022 at their normal scheduled timetable**. Please be aware of the start-up times in the first week as some students may prefer to make their own arrangements.

School buses drive into the college both in the morning and afternoon. After school all bus students assemble under the canopy. Each destination has a designated waiting area which must be adhered to by all students **(for those students new to the college these areas will be advised as you come over to board your buses)**. As buses arrive students will be directed to board in an orderly manner. Two staff are on duty every afternoon at the bus assembly area. As students get off and on buses at school, they are expected to go around the rear of the bus at all times.

Year 9 students who caught school buses to Intermediate will catch their bus at the same stop to come to college. College buses are earlier in the morning to allow for an 8.40am start. For the first few days you need to get to the bus stop earlier until you have determined the time you need to be there by. If you are new to the area, did not attend an Upper Hutt Intermediate or may be catching a school bus for the first time and do not know bus stop locations or times, you can phone Metlink 0800 801 700 or Mrs Merrett on the College phone 527 8749 for any queries or problems.

The buses run on Snapper Cards or cash. It is your responsibility to maintain a sufficient balance if you are using Snapper, as you cannot top up the card on the bus.

For your information: If you use Snapper for bus travel, you will need to review your travel concession before 28 February in order to keep paying a child fare. NB: This applies to students 16 years and older. Call 0800 555 345 to check the expiry date of your current concession and whether you need to renew. When you turn 16, Snapper will revert to adult fare unless you advise them you are still at school. If you need verification see Mrs Merrett who will email your details to them. You can renew your travel concession yourself online or in person at a Snapper Service Centre. It is sensible to register your Snapper Card in case of loss or theft.

Upper Hutt College expects a high standard of behaviour whilst travelling on school buses and in fact while waiting for a bus, or the right to travel may be revoked.

Jenny Merrett
Bus Convenor