

School bus arrangements for 2023

Next year our school bus operator is changing. Our new school bus operator is Go Bus. We are working closely with Go Bus and the Ministry of Education to ensure that the transition to our new school bus operator goes smoothly.

To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, please familiarise yourself with the information below.

At the outset, it is recommended that you either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they have been picked up safely.

School bus routes, timetables and bus stop information.

Information on our bus routes can be found on the Paeroa College Website

www.paeroacollege.school.nz

Please note the Hikutaia/Karangahake bus route will no longer drop or pick up students from town.

Eligibility for school transport assistance

We often get questions about whether students qualify for school transport assistance i.e., a place on a school bus.

The Ministry of Education has three criteria that students must meet in order to qualify for school transport assistance. They are:

1. The student must attend their closest state or state-integrated school
2. The student must live more than a certain distance from the school:
 - Years 1-8: at least 3.2 km
 - Years 9-13: at least 4.8 km
3. There must be no suitable public transport options

The Ministry of Education has a handy video on their website that helps explain the eligibility criteria for school transport assistance.

Responsibility of caregivers

To ensure a safe environment for bus loading and unloading, caregivers should:

- not park in bus bays
- adhere to the speed limit (20 km/h while passing a stationary school bus on either side of the road)
- try to eliminate the need for children to cross the road
- ensure that children get to and from the bus stop safely
- teach children to not run across the road
- Use of masks on school buses is compulsory under Level 2 restrictions.

Please note: if you currently have a private arrangement with your bus operator, you will need to contact your bus operator to confirm that your arrangement will continue in 2023.

School transport queries

If you have any queries about our school transport, please contact Pauline Kisling our Bus Controller. she can be contacted at paulinek@paeroacollege.school.nz