



BUS SERVICE VIA RIVERSTONE/SCHOFIELDS/THE PONDS - 2022

The School will continue to provide a limited RJ bus service for our Marsden Park families who live in Riverstone, Schofields and The Ponds in 2022. In time, it is hoped that Busways and Transport NSW will provide a government funded service, at which time the RJ service will be reviewed.

BUS SERVICE CHARGE - \$1.65 each way (inc GST)

Service charges reviewed annually.

BUS STOPS AND TIMES (may vary according to traffic conditions)

Parents are to be at the morning stop 5 minutes **before** the departure time and in the afternoons, waiting at the bus stop **before** the bus arrives to minimise delays and ensure a safe handover.

REF #	STOP	DEPARTS	ARRIVES
	Marsden Park Campus	7:20am	4:10pm
A	Schofields Rd/South St after Veron Rd	7:23am	4:06pm
B	Greenway Pde, at Tatura Ave	7:32am	4:00pm
C	Boundary Rd, opp Gordon Rd	7:37am	3:52pm
D	Boundary Rd, at St Albans Rd	7:39am	3:50pm
E	McCulloch St, after Brighton St	7:42am	3:48pm
F	Hamilton St, opp Ambulance Sta.	7:47am	3:43pm
G	Hamilton St, before Crown St	7:49am	3:42pm
H	Crown St, nr Brisbane Rd	8:03am	3:40pm
I	135 Piccadilly St, b4 Garfield Rd West	8:07am	3:37pm
J	119 Piccadilly St, opp Casuarina School	N.A.	3:35pm
K	77/88 Piccadilly St, nr Regent St	8:09am	3:33pm
L	53 Piccadilly St, nr Riverstone Rd	8:11am	3:30pm
M	Railway Terrace, nr Kensington	8:13am	3:28pm
N	Grange Ave, near Bridge St	8:16am	3:25pm
O	Grange Ave, near Argowan*	8:20am	3:23pm
	Marsden Park Campus	8:30am	3:20pm

Due to logistics and to give confidence to the bus drivers, parents are encouraged to select only ONE stop location.

Afternoon bus stops are typically opposite the morning stops.

* This stop may be withdrawn in the future depending on safety concerns.



SMS - BUS ABSENCES & CHANGES – RICKY 4 – 0455 189 616

Parents are to SMS the bus **before 7:15am** if their child will be absent e.g. sick, (**do not call**). Parents are to store this number in their phone for future reference. For extended absences or changes to the bus roll, please contact the Operations Manager, Mrs Ghali, at least **3 business days** before the required change - sgjali@rjas.nsw.edu.au and refer to the relevant bus e.g. Ricky 4 in the email.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Primary students, **including Kindergarten students, MUST BE** able to fasten their own seat belts and manage their own School bag; limited assistance may be provided in the first two weeks of Term One.

Pre-K students can only access this bus service if they have an older sibling to assist them (or if they submitted an Enrolment Application before 15 March 2021). Whilst booster seats are not legally required on buses, the School may provide booster seats for Pre-K students to improve the fit of the seatbelt.

The Bus Roll will be checked each bus run. If a student has not arrived by the departure time in the mornings, the bus will not wait.

Occasionally children fall asleep in the afternoon and parents may be asked to enter the bus to collect their child.

The ability to use this service may be withdrawn if school fees are in arrears.

Priority is given to current bus users provided the Application is received by the due date.

It may be that an additional bus will be put on this route and you will be advised accordingly if your bus and times change.

REGISTERING FOR A STUDENT OPAL CARD

To assist Busways and Transport NSW in their planning of future bus routes, parents are to register their child for a Student Opal Card prior to returning this Application Form (excluding Pre-Kindergarten). This is very important as the Marsden Park Campus grows and expands into Secondary. Please select the **Marsden Park Campus** accordingly.

Confirmation that a Student Opal Card has been applied for, or a copy of a current **Student Opal Card**, will be required with this Application.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/howToApply>

FLOODED ROADS

Please note this service may be impacted by flood waters over the road. This may cause part or all of the service to be delayed or cancelled or bus stops adjusted (e.g. Grange Avenue). The School will communicate with impacted families accordingly.

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is paramount to both driver and student safety that all students exercise good behaviour whilst on the School bus.

Parents are expected to familiarise themselves with the guidelines below, and the behaviour management process, and to discuss these expectations with their child/ren.

1. Students are to:
 - a. remain seated at all times unless alighting;
 - b. not eat or drink whilst on the bus;
 - c. **put their own seatbelt on** and keep it on whilst in transit (assistance is given to Pre-Kindergarten children if required);
 - d. not play with the seatbelt or other students' seats/seatbelts;
 - e. use **small talking voices** throughout the journey;
 - f. not be disruptive;
 - g. be polite and kind to fellow passengers;
 - h. ensure that any balls are secured within a bag; and
 - i. obey any instructions from the Driver or other staff members.
2. If a student displays any unsafe behaviour while the bus is in transit, the Driver may pull over to a safe place and speak to the student involved and remind him/her of the expectations. A student may be reallocated to another seat if required.
3. The Driver will email any inappropriate behaviour, incidents or concerns to the Head of Primary (Marsden Park) and the Operations Manager at the end of the shift. The student will initially lose play privileges during part of their lunch break.
4. In the event of any subsequent incident of poor bus behaviour, the student will lose an increased amount of their lunch play privileges and the parent will be contacted by the Head of Primary (Marsden Park) and advised that any further poor bus behaviour will result in a period of exclusion from using the bus service.
5. In the event of continued poor behaviour, the Head of Primary (Marsden Park) will contact parents and advise them of the duration of an exclusion from bus travel.
6. If the misbehaviour continues beyond this exclusion period, the Principal will determine if the parent needs to make other arrangements for transporting their child to and/or from School.

Please ensure your child understands the importance of **listening to staff members** and making **appropriate behaviour choices** whilst travelling on the bus service.

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2022 APPLICATION AND PERMISSION NOTE – Ricky 4

RIVERSTONE/SCHOFIELDS/THE PONDS

Student Names

2022 Year Group

I give permission for my child/ren listed above to travel on this bus service on the following Term days, commencing from (please tick):

- Thursday, 27 January Friday, 28 January Monday 31 January
 Other _____

(Parents of new young students are encouraged to drive them to School for the first day or two, so the students can settle into the School routine before catching the bus.)

Please note your stop reference (page 1) and tick the appropriate morning and afternoon seats below:

	STOP REF#	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Morning	#					
Afternoon	#					

Will there be any days that you would not require a seat for all the children noted above (e.g. a Pre-Kindergarten sibling) or are there other comments you would like to make?

If you have a child in **Year 5 or Year 6**, do you give permission for your children to make their own way home from the bus stop? Yes No Not Applicable

I have read and explained the Code of Conduct to the child/ren listed above and they understand and agree to abide by the Code. I understand that their position on the bus may be suspended or withdrawn for serious breaches or ongoing poor behaviour.

I understand that children are expected to be able to fasten their own seatbelt and manage their own School bag (excluding Pre-K).

Attached is a copy of the relevant Student Opal Card/s and/or I have made an online application **(not required for Pre-K)**.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

EMERGENCY CONSIDERATIONS

Best contact in case of an emergency (this information will be retained by the Driver)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Alternate contact in case of an emergency (this information will be retained by the Driver)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please note any **medical condition** of which the Driver will need to be aware of:

a) Relevant child's name (if applicable):

Diabetic

Epileptic

Asthma (must carry own puffer)

Other: _____

b) Relevant child's name (if applicable):

Diabetic

Epileptic

Asthma (must carry own puffer)

Other: _____

PLEASE RETURN BEFORE FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021

Priority is given to existing users provided the permission note is returned by the due date.

Seats are very limited, and it may be that not every Application for a seat will be successful in part or in full. You will be advised accordingly.

Please return the completed Application (pages 5 & 6) together with a copy of your child/ren's Student Opal Card and/or Student Opal Card application to:

Mrs Stephanie Ghali, Operations Manager, Richard Johnson Anglican School
93 Hyatts Road, OAKHURST NSW 2761

Or email a scanned copy to sgjali@rjas.nsw.edu.au

Please note the School reserves the right to review the bus fee, change and/or suspend the provision of the bus service in accordance with the School's requirements.