

# BUS TRAVEL- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Where is the closest bus stop and what time does the bus depart?**

Most travel services to St Joseph's College are facilitated by McHarry's bus lines. The McHarry's website has information regarding St Joseph's school bus travel [www.mcharrys.com.au](http://www.mcharrys.com.au) – school bus information – search by school.

Alternatively, email [info@mcharrys.com.au](mailto:info@mcharrys.com.au) or phone 5223 2111.

If your area is not serviced by McHarry's bus lines please contact CDC Victoria (formally Benders) [www.cdcvictoria.com.au](http://www.cdcvictoria.com.au) or phone 5240 5000.

For Country bus travel, you will receive a letter from the Regional Contract Bus Coordinator, with details of bus routes and times prior to travel commencement. There is no casual travel available for Country bus travellers, it is only available for to and from school travel.

## **How will my son know which bus to catch after school?**

All buses depart St Joseph's College from the bus set down area, located around the tennis courts on the Aphrasia Street side of the College. For the first few weeks of Term 1, Year 7s are dismissed early to allow them more time to arrive at the bus set down and board the correct bus. Supervising Teachers are located at the bus set down area to assist students with this process.

## **What happens if my son misses the bus after school?**

Supervising Teachers do not leave the bus set down area until all students have boarded buses. In the rare case that a student misses his bus he will be sent to College Reception to contact a parent/carer.

## **When will my son be able to purchase his Myki (Geelong Regional Student Pass) for travel to and from school? (for those other Country travel and more than 4.8kms)**

Current students all receive a PTV approved student ID card, please take this with you when you purchase your sons Geelong Regional Student Pass (yearly or half yearly MYKI) early in the year prior to travel.

New students to the College and those that do not have a PTV approved student ID card, will require Public Transport Student Concession Form to be completed. Public Transport Students Concession forms are available via the College office, train stations and [www.ptv.vic.gov.au](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au) from around mid-January. Cost of the concession card is approximately \$10, requires 2 passport sized photos and must be verified by College Reception prior to your Geelong Regional Student Pass purchase.

For more information, please refer to the College website

<https://www.sjc.vic.edu.au/current-families/my-sjc/student-information>

## **If we live less than 4.8kms can my son still travel on the bus?**

All students wishing to travel on the bus to and from school, that reside less than 4.8kms from the College are required to hold a valid Myki card. This includes casual travel also for all Myki buses.

## **If I live more than 4.8kms and my son is not Country traveller how do I receive my bus conveyance reimbursement?**

Once you have submitted your completed conveyance form and a copy of your Myki receipt to the College, a claim will be lodged for your bus conveyance.

Claims are made during Term 2 and credits will be applied to your school fee account after funds are received from the government.

*Please note the College does not have information in regards to bus routes and times, contact your service provider for this information.*