Elanora State High School Bus Policy

Elanora State High School endorses the Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses
July 2014. Students have the right when travelling on the bus to:

• Travel safely: free from harm and have their safety and wellbeing protected
• To be respected: actively listened to; provided with accurate information; consulted; treated fairly; treated with courtesy

A student’s role with regards to the code is to be a safe and responsible passenger. Students have to take responsibility by:

• Acting safely and responsibly
• Following driver instructions, bus rules and the bus safety code
• Accepting the consequences of bus misconduct
• Respecting themselves and others including their own and others’ property
• Being responsible for their own behaviour

The role of parents with regards to the code is to actively support bus safety with their school aged children. A parent’s responsibility with regards to this code is to:

• Teach their children about bus safety rules, the Code and consequences for misconduct
• Demonstrate appropriate bus travel behaviours to children
• Communicate respectfully and cooperate with the driver, operator, school and transport staff in managing misconduct
• Ensure the safe travel of their children to and from the bus service
• Be available for discussions about the behaviour of their children

Schools have a responsibility to:

• Collaborate with stakeholders and communicate respectfully in implementing the Code
• Support bus operators in the application of the Code’s procedures and processes
• Reinforce safe bus travel and the Code’s messages in school based processes
• Facilitate effective communication between bus operators and students/parents/carers.

Categories of misconduct of the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel are:

• Category 1 – Irresponsible behaviour
• Category 2 – Unsafe behaviour
• Category 3 – Dangerous/destructive behaviour
• Category 4 – Life threatening behaviour

When determining consequences for breaches of the code there will be consideration of:

• The nature of the incident
• The threat to the safety of passengers on the bus
• The extent to which the breach distracted the driver
• The age of the student
• Whether the student has any existing medical condition
• The student’s account of the incident
• Whether the breach was a first or one of a series of repeated incidents about which the students has been previously cautioned.

Consequences from the bus company range from a written caution (Category 1) to a period of refusal of bus travel anywhere between one day to permanent refusal.
Consequences of violating the *Elanora SHS School Bus Policy* from Elanora SHS will be in accordance with Elanora SHS Responsible Behaviour Plan For Students, that is, whether the behaviour is a minor, moderate or major violation of the right to be safe.