### HILLCREST / RIVERCREST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

# 2023 BUS FEE SCHEDULE



Crest Education offers a private subcontracted bus service with Ventura Bus Lines that assists families in transporting children safely and securely to and from school. Crest buses are held to a high standard to ensure that your child is onboard a fully seat belted, airconditioned bus with Bus Minder's tap on/tap off technology. Through the mobile App 'Ventura Tracker' <u>APPLE</u> OR <u>ANDROID</u>, Bus Minder technology gives parents the ability to track the buses' live location and receive notifications every time your child taps on and off using their College Student ID card.

To maintain affordable bus fees, the college will continue to subsidise this service in 2023. Bus fees will be invoiced to your School Fee Account and are to be paid as part of your chosen payment plan.

All costs are charged per student. There is a sibling discount of 50% applied for the 3rd and subsequent children.

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ZONE	COST/ TRIP	ANNUAL COST (After Conveyance) #	ANNUAL COST
1	\$2.68	\$974	\$974
2	\$3.83	\$899	\$1,393
3	\$4.02	\$858	\$1,462
4	\$5.74	\$1,376	\$2,089

Full Time Zone	Distance in Km	Bus Conveyance Rebate	
		Annually	
1	Under 4.8	-	
2	4.9 - 10	\$493.80	
3	10.1 - 15	\$604.20	
4	15.1 - 20	\$713.40	



ZONE	COST/ TRIP	ANNUAL COST (After Conveyance) ^	ANNUAL COST
1	\$3.21	-	\$585
2	\$4.59	-	\$836
3	\$4.82	-	\$877
4	\$6.89	-	\$1,254

Options
Full Time = AM & PM
Part Time = AM only or PM only

- # As the conveyance allowance is designed to reduce the cost incurred by you for travel, your bus conveyance allowance (if eligible) will be credited to your school fee account to reduce the cost of the bus.
- ^ As per the government policy, if you are eligible for car conveyance your conveyance will be deposited directly into your nominated bank account. A bank account details form needs to be completed and can be obtained from reception or Crest Connect. Please note the car conveyance rebate is a different amount to what is received if eligible for the bus conveyance.

### **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

Conveyance allowance is paid by the Government to the College on behalf of eligible parents to assist with transport costs. Conveyance allowance is to be claimed individually per student. Full time users are entitled to apply for Bus Conveyance while the Part time users can apply for Car Conveyance. Forms are available on Crest Connect.

To find out which Zone you fall under, please use Bing maps to find out the KM distance between your home residence and the school address (500 Soldiers Rd, Clyde North 3978 or 81 Ferdinand Drive, Clyde North 3978)

Full time or part time transport please complete the Edsmart Bus Booking Form.

**Casual Bus Bookings** are made via <u>www.flexishcools.com.au</u> Bookings close 12:00pm on day of travel. Cost: \$6.50 per booking.

Please note: Priority of seats on the bus will be allocated to the full time and part time students. Depending on availability and bus capacity, some limited casual passes will be available for booking.

### **Cancellations**

We understand that your circumstances may change over the course of the year. The College kindly asks families to provide **one terms notice** if you wish to cancel the bus service. Please email **bus@cresteducation.vic.edu.au** advising your child's name and date you wish to cease services.



## **Crest Education Private Bus**

### Code of Conduct 2023



To uphold the reputation of the College, and its good standing in the wider community, students must use the bus in a manner consistent with the College's Code of Conduct. **All students and their parents/guardians** using the Crest Bus Service are required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct at the start of **each year**.

### At the Bus Stop:

- 1. Parents with children in Prep to Year 4 must adhere to the following requirements:
  - a. A parent/guardian must be present at the bus stop to drop off/pick up their child prior to the scheduled time (unless a sibling over the age of 10 is accompanying the student).
  - b. All applications of this age group will be assessed by the Head of Primary School on an individual basis for safety and ability of use.
  - c. All students utilising the bus service must be able to fasten their seatbelt independently.
- 2. Students <u>must arrive</u> at their bus stops at least <u>five minutes</u> prior to departure time to ensure the timely running of the bus routes. Buses will not wait for students who are late to their bus stop.
- 3. After alighting from the bus, the student must remain on the side of the road and should only cross the road when it is safe to do so, after the bus has departed.

### Seating/Aisles Kept Clear:

- 1. All buses are now equipped with seatbelts and students are required to fasten their seatbelts at all times for their safety. The school/bus company holds no responsibility should the student not comply
- 2. Once seated, students must remain seated, and face the front. This is vital for the safety of all students. Students are not permitted to stand up, move around the bus, change seats, or lie across seats
- 3. Aisles need to be kept clear at all times
- 4. Priority seating for children from Prep to Year 2 allocated to the front two rows of the bus to ensure their safety

#### General Behaviour/Safety:

- 1. <u>Drivers</u> and <u>Bus Captains/Vice Captains</u> are to be obeyed by students at all times.
- 2. Students are not permitted to call out to either the driver, or other students.
- 3. Inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, fighting, hitting, kicking, spitting, swearing, blaspheming, hair pulling, or any other action which may upset, annoy, injure or put at risk the safety of any person/s on the bus will not be tolerated. The throwing of <u>any objects</u>, food or otherwise, within the bus or from the bus, is not permitted.
- 4. Damage, wilful or negligent, is the responsibility of the parents or the student committing the damage, and they will be liable to cover the cost of repair for any damage caused.
- 5. Littering is not permitted on the bus at any time.

#### **Consequences of Inappropriate Behaviour:**

Failure to co-operate with any of the above points will result in bus suspension or expulsion from the bus. Poor behaviour may result in immediate expulsion if it is deemed to be of a serious nature.

In the event of an emergency or breakdown, I agree to travel on alternative transport organised by or on behalf of Crest Education