

BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES INFORMATION

The following information is provided to schools and parents to assist in the understanding of school bus services that are available in Echuca and District, including Moama and Southern NSW. Parents should develop a basic awareness of which particular bus service travels through their neighbourhood each day. The Echuca School Bus Services network is serviced by three separate bussing systems;

Echuca & District School Bus Services

The Echuca & District school bus network routes extend into country areas and the communities of Nathalia, Tongala, Nanneella, Rochester, Lockington and Gunbower, contact – Area Bus Coordinator on 5482 1133.

Public Transport Service

The Echuca and Moama Townships are serviced by a public transport system operated by Newton's Bus Services / Echuca Moama Transit; contact (03) 5484 1129. Applications for NSW town travel can be made at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Country NSW Service

Students residing in NSW country districts, who are enrolled at Echuca schools, are transported by Dyson Group North Region Service, contact (03) 5480 2139. Applications are made online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE

Victorian students attending their nearest school of that kind (eg State, Catholic or Grammar) and residing more than 4.8km via the closest route to school are eligible for conveyance allowance. This is claimable via completing paperwork available via the school front office. Distances are calculated using Bing Maps (<http://www.bing.com/maps/>).

ECHUCA AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS SERVICES (COUNTRY)

Students attending their nearest school of that kind (eg State, Catholic or Grammar) and residing more than 4.8km via the closest route to school are eligible for free travel on the Country Bus System. The Area School Bus Co-ordinator uses Bing Maps (<http://www.bing.com/maps/>) to calculate distances. If you are not attending your nearest school a seat on the bus is not guaranteed. If you are allocated a seat you will become a fare paying student and a term by term fee applies. If allocated a seat you may be required to relinquish that seat if the service is at capacity and an eligible student wishes to access the service.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL APPROVAL - ECHUCA AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUS SERVICES (COUNTRY)

All enquiries regarding School Bus Services should be made to the, Area Bus Coordinator on 5482 1133.

All parents/guardians of first time bus travellers **or** students changing school locations must complete the appropriate school bus registration form (either a form for Eligible Students, or for Fare Paying Students).

Applications for travel in 2021 are due by the end of Term 3 (for forward planning and departmental deadlines).

Applications are processed in order receipt as dated by lodgement with the Area Bus Coordinator. In the instance that a Bus Route is full there is a process documented in the School Bus Guidelines for processing applications.