



BUSES SAFER THAN YOU MIGHT THINK!



Have you considered looking into using the school bus service as a way of getting to and from school? Here's some information you may or may not have known that will help you make up your mind.

Did you know that bus travel is the safest form of land travel in Australia?

Did you know that school children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, travelling to and from school, are substantially safer travelling by bus than other modes of transport?

Did you know that studies run by the Institute of Transport and Logistical studies, Uni of Sydney show that travelling by bus is 4.4 times safer than walking, 55 times safer than riding a bike and 1.38 times safer than being driven to school?

Did you know that until the end of year 2 bus passes are free for all students?

Did you know that if you live over 1.6km (most direct route) from the school you get a free bus pass?

Did you know that it only costs approx \$1/per day (\$51/term) to get a bus pass?

Other benefits of catching the bus to and from school include;

- Reducing traffic around the school, thus increasing safety for all our kids.
- Reducing environmental damage from running your car.
- Not having to get to school ½ hour early to get a parking space.
- Promoting and encouraging safe independence with our children.
- Drop off right outside the school gate (or closer to the school gate then you can get legally and safely with your car).
- Extra 'me' time for busy mums.

Talk to your school office or local bus company about bus routes for your school and getting a bus pass.