

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Please read this in conjunction with the Tauranga Transport Network Group (TTNG) website for rural bus users and the Baybus website for urban bus users. They operate differently.

1.White	Rural Bus Routes TTNG	www.schooltransport.org.nz
2.Yellow/Blue	Urban School Bus Routes	www.baybus.co.nz
3.Yellow	Public BayHopper	www.baybus.co.nz

1. Rural Buses TTNG (Tauranga Transport Network Group)

<http://www.schooltransport.org.nz>

Please keep an eye on this website for any updates.

2023 Bus pass ordering system now live

From 2022, parents of students travelling on TTNG buses must order a bus pass through the TTNG website rather than at school offices. This system will help us to better manage our network of 24 bus routes.

As the system was brand new in 2022, we can expect that there may be the occasional glitch and we ask for your cooperation in working these out. If you find an error or have a suggestion, please [make contact](#) with EasyBus.

For more information on the bus pass system, please [click here](#).

To order a bus pass, please [click here](#).

R1	For those who live in or near rural Welcome Bay
R3	For those who live in or near Kaitemako Road
R4	For those who live in or near rural Ohauti Road - Rowe Road
R6	For those who live in or near rural Oropi - Warner Road
R8	For those who live in or near rural Pyes Pa - Taumata Road
R9	For those who live in or near rural Pyes Pa - Joyce Road
R13	For those who live in or near rural Kaimai
R17	For those who live in or near rural Pahoia
R23	For those who live in or near rural Omokoroa

Eligible students are those who meet the Ministry of Education criteria for eligibility. To be eligible, students must:

Live more than 2.4km from any suitable public transport service

To be suitable, a public bus service must travel from within 2.4km from home and to within

2.4km of school, with not more than one transfer and within a suitable timeframe (not starting before 7.30am).

Live more than 3.2km from their nearest appropriate school (or 4.8km if in year 9 or over)

Students who meet the above criteria and are attending their nearest school are entitled to free transport to and from school.

Students who are not attending their nearest school may be able to use the TTNG buses at a charge to get to/from school. In the case of Intermediate students, this is subject to their nearest full primary school giving permission.

There will be a fare of **\$300 per year to be paid to TTNG**, this fare will be reviewed annually.

There is a \$20 discount for families who pay the full annual fare in Term 1. In this case the annual fare would be \$280.00 per student.

There is a \$20.00 discount for families who have more than one sibling attending the same school and living in the same home. In this case the annual fare would be \$280.00 or \$70.00 per Term per student.

Where the annual fare is paid in Term 1 and a family discount applies, the annual fare would be \$260.00 per student.

Please Note: This Has Changed.

Bus passes are required on all **rural buses see above**. For 2023 bus passes are now on-stream. Students will be required to produce their pass or may be refused bus service. **Please keep an eye on www.schooltransport.org.nz for more details about the new bus passes.**

2. Urban School Buses Regional Council *<https://www.baybus.co.nz>

Please keep an eye on this website for any updates.

School Bus 801a FREE	For those who live in or near Maungatapu/Windermere refer to guide* <u>two buses in 2023</u>
School Bus 802a FREE	For those who live in or near Ohauti refer to guide* <u>two buses in 2023</u>
School Bus 804a FREE	For those who live in or near Welcome Bay and Osprey Drive refer to guide* <u>two buses in 2023</u>
School Bus 804b FREE	For those who live in or near Waikite Road and include Ranginui Road and Corinna Street refer to guide*
School Bus 806c FREE	For those who live in or near The Lakes refer to guide*
School Bus 807 FREE	For those who live in or near Pyes Pa & Freeburn Road refer to guide*
School Bus 808a FREE	For those who live in or near Cambridge Road NB drop off and pick up on Fraser Street
School Bus 903d FREE	For those who live in or near Cheyne Rd/Inverness Drive

3. BayHopper Public Buses - school students in uniform can travel for free on school days before 9:00 a.m. and between 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. This applies to all dedicated school services and BayHopper services, excluding Te Puke, Katikati and Omokoroa services.

Free for school transport, during other times the fare is \$2.00 cash or \$1.60 with a Bee card. Please note students using **BayHopper Public Buses** must purchase and register a Bee card.

Route 1	Access on Fraser Street to travel between Tauranga CBD and Greerton/Pyes Pa
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Before School:

* be punctual at your bus stop - get there at least 5 minutes prior to the time advised by the bus provider

* behave - you are the window to our school and the public often contact us telling us how good you are

- * if your bus does not come don't panic - stay at the bus stop as your bus is more than likely caught up in the traffic
- * after a reasonable time if still no bus contact Uzabus 578 3113 for TTNG buses (**rural white buses**) and for Hopper (**yellow or blue**) 0800 200 569 in the first instance (buses suffer from the same congestion and accident issues that everyone else does and historically it takes the month of February for traffic flows to settle)
- * **do not eat food on the bus**
- * do not leave rubbish behind, place it in the bin
- * once you have your bus pass - look after it and present it so that it can be seen
- * no one owns a particular seat or area of the bus

After School:

- * be punctual to bus lines, sitting behind the appropriate bus run
- * if your bus is here your sign will be placed up-side-down
- * students who push in may be removed from the bus network
- * **do not eat food on the bus**
- * do not leave rubbish behind, place it in the bin
- * be considerate of others
- * once you have your bus pass - look after it and present it so that it can be seen
- * no one owns a particular seat or area of the bus
- * if you miss your bus you must go to the office to make alternative arrangements

Lost Property

Most Tauranga Intermediate school bus services are operated by NZ Bus. For BayHopper services and school services, please contact NZ Bus on 0800 200 569. For all rural buses contact Uzabus on 578 3113.

Behaviour:

We expect only the highest standards from our students. If there is a concern, see me immediately and I will endeavour to resolve it. On rare occasions students may lose the privilege of using the bus network.

Kind regards

Mike Bibby
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