BUS INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The College operates bus services to and from school throughout the Fleurieu area for fare-paying students.

Bus services arrive at the College by 8.30am and depart at 3.35pm.

REGISTRATION TO USE BUS SERVICE

Parents wishing to utilise the College's bus service are required to submit a completed **Passenger Registration Form** (one per child) to the buses@tatachilla.sa.edu.au.

Families requiring the bus service to travel to their place of residence have priority use of the bus services. Travel outside of this scope is not permitted.

Please note registration does not guarantee a seat on a bus service and is compulsory prior to booking or use.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENT

Students who travel on a Tatachilla bus service must have a Student ID Card (Yrs 7-12) or an electronic Keyfob (Yrs R-6) to tap on and off the bus which logs their attendance on the appropriate bus and deducts the bus fare from the linked account.

To ensure uninterrupted travel on the College buses, parents will be required to ensure that they have placed a booking/s through the Busminder app prior to travel. Sufficient credit must be available at all times to cover their expected level of travel. Card balances are accessible via the Busminder App and low balance warnings will be messaged to parents once a card reaches a certain low value threshold. Bookings and credit top-up must be actioned via the Busminder App.

Returning students are required to use their old Student ID Card until they receive their new card (early in Term 1). This card will still work up until the expiry date and will save time when boarding the bus rather than manually searching the system.

New students will be already loaded into the BusMinder system, so if they tell the driver that they are new students, the driver can search for their name on boarding and departing the bus. New students can expect to receive their Student ID cards shortly after their photo is taken (usually by the end of the first week of Term 1).

Replacement cards/keyfobs are available through the College Office at a cost of $10.00 per ID Card and $5.00 per Keyfob.

BUSMINDER

All students are set up with a BusMinder account and Parents/Caregivers use the associated BusMinder Parent App to manage bookings, fare payments and use the safety features. Sign-in details will be forwarded to parents during the initial booking confirmation process.

TICKET PRICING

(effective 30 January 2024)*

Term Pass: Charged at a discounted rate each term. (total cost each term is varied depending on the number of weeks per term)

SingleTrip Fares: $3.10 per trip*

Fare payment is managed by Parents/Carergivers through the BusMinder Parent App.

Term Pass: Term Passes are offered at a discounted rate each term and benefit those students who will catch the bus to and from school every day of the school term.

Term passes are available for purchase on the BusMinder Parent App during the term break leading up to the coming school term. The deadline for Term Pass purchases is the last day of the first week each term after which time the option is removed from the Parent App.

Purchasing a Term Pass effectively "locks" the student's BusMinder account when the Term Pass becomes "active" for the period of the new school term. Each time the student taps on the bus, no funds are deducted from their account. All other BusMinder functions operate as normal (e.g. bus boarding alerts, travel history etc).

While the Term Pass is "active", the student's current account balance is locked until the end of the term. On first day of the term break, the student's account is unlocked and will become active again.

SingleTrip Travel: SingleTrip travel (part-time) is charged at a flat rate of $3.10 per trip*. Payment and bookings can be made through the Busminder Parent app prior to the beginning of the school year.

Communication will be sent to families prior to the Term pass and SingleTrip purchase period.

Note: the payment method must be set up prior to purchase with sufficient funds available.

*pricing is subject to review and increase in 2025

BUS ROUTES

Routes are reviewed annually to best service current students, although changes are not always possible.

To find which Bus Route is best for your needs, you can view (best viewed on a PC) the 2024 School Run Maps at https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/buses/maps

CONTACT

For more information on the College transport services please contact the College Bus Coordinator by phoning 8323 9588 or email buses@tatachilla.sa.edu.au or by visiting the College website at www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/bus-services