

26 November 2018

To all fare-paying ('ineligible') students on the MoE rural school buses

Dear student

In July this year two important changes were made to the MoE rural school bus services specifically affecting fare-paying ('ineligible') students. These were the introduction of a conditions of carriage for fare-paying ('ineligible') students and a new method of fares payment.

Conditions of carriage

The Ministry of Education and Mana Coach Services provides school transport for fare-paying ('ineligible') students on MoE rural school buses subject to the following conditions

1. that the schools served by the service have agreed that fare-paying ('ineligible') students may be carried on their service
2. no fare-paying ('ineligible') students may travel on MoE Technology Routes
3. fare-paying ('ineligible') students may be carried only provided there is excess seating capacity in the bus after all eligible students have been seated
4. fare-paying ('ineligible') students must pay a fare as set by the bus operator
5. transportation of any fare-paying ('ineligible') student must not delay or compromise the provision of services in any way
6. fare-paying ('ineligible') students must conduct themselves in a responsible and socially acceptable manner at all times
7. fare-paying ('ineligible') students must not bully or harass other students in any way or behave in a manner likely to compromise the safe transport of themselves or other students on the bus
8. the bus driver is not permitted to deviate from the prescribed route to pick up or set down any fare-paying ('ineligible') student
9. that all fare-paying ('ineligible') students are advised of the conditions of carriage as discussed above, items 1 to 8.

New method of payment for fare-paying ('ineligible') students on MoE rural school buses

With the introduction of the new Regional Council contracts in July this year, Mana's ticketing system was replaced by Snapper. Snapper is not available on non-Metlink services, neither now are cash fares so a special pass was introduced to cater for fare paying students on the MoE rural buses. This pass is known as the term pass for fare-paying ('ineligible') students on MoE rural school buses.

Term pass payment details

The cost of the term pass is \$80 including GST payable at the start of each term.

Payment for passes should be made to Mana Coach Services at Westpac 03-0547-0664345-00 and followed up with an email to termpass@manacoach.co.nz advising

- the deposit reference
- the amount paid
- the name of the student
- a mailing address

The term pass and a copy of the conditions of carriage will be posted to the address provided.

From Term 1 2019 all students travelling on MoE rural bus services will be required to have either a rural pass issued by the school [for eligible rural students] or a term pass issued by Mana [for fare-paying ('ineligible') students].

Mana is accepting payments now for Term 1 2019 term passes for fare-paying ('ineligible') students.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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