



Tyndale

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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TYNDALE BUS SERVICES – 2019 APPLICATIONS – New Enrolling Families

Thank you for your interest in Tyndale Christian School Bus Services.

Our School operates a number of routes in varying areas. Tyndale Bus Services are only available to Junior School Students (Prep – Year 5) outside a 1km radius from the school gate, and Middle and Senior Students (Year 6 – Year 12) outside a 2km radius. Our Bus Routes are designed to meet demand, and accommodate as many families as possible, as such, they change from time to time. These services are always in constant demand. Spaces are limited and subject to ongoing availability.

Application Process

To apply for a Tyndale Bus Service, please use a Bus Service Request Form, available from the School Office, or via the School Website. As places are limited, please consider what days, morning and afternoons that you are able to arrange transportation for your child/ren yourself, and only apply for the actual days that you need. Generally, applications for limited days, mornings or afternoons are more successful. All applications are subject to set criteria, according to the Tyndale Bus Policy, and are processed in the order in which they are returned to the school office. (Forms are date-stamped and signed by Staff upon receipt)

2019 Bus Applications (New Students to Tyndale)

Applications for students, not previously on a Tyndale Bus Service, ***need to be lodged and received by the school office no later than Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at 4:00pm*** - these applications should be processed by Friday, 25 January. Applications received after Wednesday, 16 January at 4:00pm, may not be processed until after Friday, 15 February 2019.

Finalisation and Settling of Routes

For operational reasons, our Bus Routes will change significantly in 2019. This takes considerable time to co-ordinate. Once finalised the revised routes need to be communicated with and tested by our drivers, before services commence for 2019.

Notification of Outcome of Application

We hope to notify the outcome of applications by Friday 25 January 2018. Applicants will receive a phone call from our office.

2019 Bus Agreements.

Should an application for a bus allocation be successful, we will tell you the allocated pickup location and times. If these are suitable to you, a 2019 Bus Agreement between Tyndale and your family will be printed. All parents and students in Middle and Senior School MUST sign the bus agreement *prior to travel*. Agreements can be signed at the School Office on Thursday, 31 January and Friday, 1 February by appointment.

Alternate Transport Arrangements.

Unfortunately, we are unable to cater for every family that applies to use our Bus Service. We cannot carry more passengers than the allowed capacity of our buses. ***All applicants should consider other transport arrangements***, in case the Tyndale Bus Service in your area is full. (Details overleaf). Families that have been allocated seats should also consider a 'Plan B' in case our services become temporary unavailable, due to unforeseen driver illness or bus mechanical difficulties.

Before and After School Care – Kids Club

Tyndale offers a before and after school care program, which may also be of use to your family. (Details overleaf)

Key Dates and Further Information.

I have included some additional information regarding our Bus Services over the page. If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact me via the School Office 02 8811 7800, or on my direct line 02 8811 7869. From time to time, I am out of the office on excursions, so you may get a quicker response if you email ken.mclean@tyndale.edu.au.

Mr Ken Mclean
Bus Coordinator

KEY DATES

Friday 30 November 2018	Return of New Bus Applications – New Families Enrolled - Wanting Bus.
Wednesday 16 January	Cut-Off for New Bus Applications (New enrolling families).
Wednesday 23 January	Finalisation of 2019 Bus Routes.
Friday 25 January	Notification of Outcomes.
Thursday 31 January	Bus Agreement Administration (by appointment)
Friday 1 February	Bus Agreement Administration (by appointment)
Monday 4 February	Bus Services begin for Allocated Students Prep – Year 10.
Monday 18 February	Bus Applications received after Wednesday 16 January processed.
Monday 4 March	Students in Year 11 and 12 may apply for Tyndale Bus Services.

Students Entering Year 11 or Year 12 in 2019

Students entering Year 11 or Year 12 are not initially given allocations as the timetable for these students may have classes beginning at 8:00am or concluding at 4:00pm. Our buses arrive at 8:30am and leave at 3:15pm. Students in these years are older, and are more able to negotiate Public Transport to and from School. From Monday 4 March 2019, Year 11 and 12 students may apply for a Tyndale Bus Allocation where they have consistent days in their timetable in both weeks 1 and 2, and where they do not start until after 8:30am and finish by 3:15pm.

Classes / Excursions Outside Standard Morning and Afternoon Tyndale Bus Times

As Tyndale Buses are picking up students from across various sections of the school and must run on time, we are not able to provide bus services for students needing to be at school for early classes or excursions that start before the regular Tyndale Bus arrival time. We are also not able to provide bus services for students needing to stay back for late classes or excursions arriving back at school after the scheduled departure time for Tyndale Buses.

Bus Stops

Where possible, we use public bus stops, it is safer for students and enables us to pick up multiple families from the one location. We do not offer a door to door service, as this is a breach of privacy principles.

Donations

There is no fixed cost for families to use the Tyndale Bus Service, however, servicing and maintaining a fleet of vehicles is a considerable cost. Families may choose to assist the school in ensuring our services continue by giving donations towards the operation. A suggested donation would be \$2 per child per trip (AM or PM) per day or \$5 per family per trip (AM or PM) per day. Donations are made using our donation form - a direct debit facility, or by cash at the School Office.

Alternative Transport Options

Public Transport Information is available by calling 131500, alternatively, to see a listing of options available, simply type 131500 into your web browser, or go directly to <http://www.transportsw.info/>. This enables you to find out how to get to Tyndale via public transport services in your area. Permanent Residents and Australian Citizens are eligible for free travel to and from School using a School Opal Card. Further information available via <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/>.

Busways Blacktown and Hills Bus CDC also offer School Bus Services.

Please contact them directly for the most up-to-date information if it is of interest to you.

Busways Blacktown	7:30 am to 5:30 pm	Monday to Friday	02 9625 8900
Hills Bus CDC	7:30 am to 5:00 pm	Monday to Friday	02 9890 0000

Before and After School Care – Kids Club

Out of School Hours Care is available for students from Kindergarten to Year 8. Before and After School Programs are planned by staff in consultation with children to offer a balance of structured and non-structured activities. Breakfast is provided for children before school and afternoon tea after school. Enrolment forms available from the Office or Tyndale Before and After School Care.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 6:30am – 8:20am, and 3:00pm – 6:00pm.