



**Public Transport
Authority**

**SBS SchoolBus
Services**

Welcome to School Bus Services

School Bus Services (SBS) is responsible for providing eligible rural students and students with special needs free transport assistance to and from school on contracted 'orange' school buses. These services are critical to ensure that students are able to attend school regularly.

To be eligible for transport assistance, a rural student attending a mainstream school must, under normal circumstances:

- Be enrolled at their nearest appropriate school.
- Be at least three years and six months and less than 19 years of age.
- Regularly attend their school.
- Reside more than 4.5km from their school.
- Reside outside designated Public Transport Areas.

To be eligible for transport assistance a student must be attending their closest appropriate school. In the case of Government schools, one that provides an appropriate year of study for the student.

In the case of non Government schools, one that provides an appropriate year of study for the student and also provides an appropriate religious denomination or ethos for that student.

Distance to school

Reside more than 4.5km from their school. The distance between a student's residence and their school is measured by the shortest practical road route. Where relevant, the measurement of distance from a student's residence is taken from the gate or point of entrance/exit on the property on which the residence stands that is nearest to the school.

Public Transport Areas

A student must reside outside of a designated Public Transport Area to be eligible for transport assistance.

The PTA designates 'Public Transport Areas', students living within these Public Transport Areas have reasonable access to a public transport network.

Students residing within these Public Transport Areas and attending mainstream schools are not entitled to any special school bus services. Their entitlements are limited to travel at a concession fare rate on the Government subsidised and controlled public transport network.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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