



Walking School Bus Student Consent Form

Parents of children who participate in the Walking School Bus (WSB) are asked to read the following conditions, which apply to themselves, their children and the volunteers.

Parents

1. It is the responsibility of parents to provide appropriate supervision to ensure the safety of their children between home and pick-up and drop-off by the WSB. The WSB volunteers are not responsible for the safety of children between their home and the designated WSB route.
2. Parents are also responsible for ensuring that their children arrive on time at the designated pick-up point. The WSB volunteers cannot delay the timed schedule because this could affect the safety and convenience of other participants and their families.
3. Parents are expected to emphasise to their children that they must comply with the directions given by the volunteer during the trip between home and school.
4. Two volunteers will escort a maximum of 16 children. Parents accept that, although the risk of harm to children is reduced by the presence of trained volunteers, it cannot be eliminated.
5. Injury claims cannot be assumed to be covered under the liability insurance provided to the WSB volunteers. The liability insurance only responds to claims involving negligence of the WSB volunteers.
6. Parents are responsible for using their own discretion about the weather conditions that make the WSB inappropriate on a particular day. Although volunteers will endeavour to give advance warning when schedules will be suspended, this will not be possible on all occasions.

Children

1. Children are expected to behave responsibly in relation to the road traffic environment and towards other WSB participants.
2. Children who cannot comply with the directions of the volunteers or exhibit inappropriate behaviour may be asked to leave the WSB program.

Parent Volunteers

1. In the events of an accident, injury or illness arising during the scheduled trip, volunteer drivers have the parent(s) approval to seek medical assistance as required and this is to be at the cost of the parent/carer. The volunteers will carry contact phone numbers that parents provide them.
2. Volunteers have the authority to alter the WSB route without notice if a route hazard occurs that would place the participants at risk. Parents will be notified of such changes as soon as is practicable.
3. The volunteers are protected under the YWCA of Canberra public liability cover on the condition that they complete the required training, undergo a police check, and adhere to the operational conditions required by the YWCA of Canberra under whose auspices they operate.

Student Consent Form (Please return your completed consent form to The Walking School Bus Program.)

I/we have read the WSB Student Consent Form and acknowledge and agree to the conditions.

I/we give permission for our family contact details to be distributed to other families participating in the WSB program and for photos of our children engaged in WSB activities to be printed in the WSB newsletter, *The Walking Times*, and other WSB promotional material.

Child/children's names:

Parent/Carer's names:

School:

Address:

Phone:

Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Email:

Signed _____


Date _____

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