

The BBPS Walking School Bus is
coming to a "stop" near you

...so get on board!

**Did you know that a WALKING SCHOOL BUS operates at
Brighton Beach Primary School?**

The BBPS Walking School Bus is a great way to get to school. It offers kids the opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours for a safe, fun and friendly walk to school in the morning.

There are many benefits for children (and adults) walking to school – besides the obvious one of the extra exercise! Here are just a few:

- The environmental benefits are enormous – both in terms of a substantial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as well as in developing in the children a keen awareness of environmental issues.
- New friendships are established – including those formed across different age groups.
- Children learn that they can EASILY walk up to a couple of kilometres (approx. 20 minutes).
- Each child develops a sense of pride and achievement as their walks go towards earning certificates.
- The WSB is a fun and supportive way to learn basic road safety.
- Children also learn about the neighbourhood and the geography of their local area.
- The WSB route is supervised by volunteers – there is a "Driver" at the front; and a "Conductor" at the rear of the WSB group.
- WSB Participants arrive at school full of energy and ready to start the day.
- The WSB always arrives at school on time!

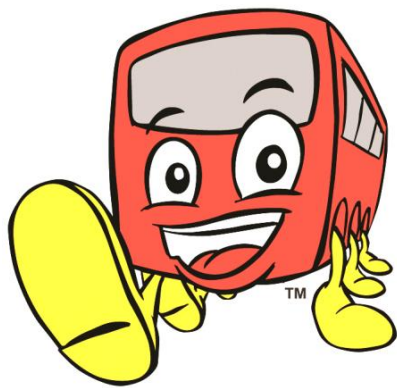
Parents are welcome to become "volunteer walkers" to help supervise; and they are equally welcome to walk behind the WSB to see how it operates and ensure that their child is comfortable. (Strollers are welcome too!) Becoming a "volunteer walker" is a very simple process, and further information about this is available from the Co-ordinator and Registrar.

To enrol your child in the BBPS Walking School Bus programme, please complete this form and Return to:

Brighton Beach Primary School - Walking School Bus (BBPS WSB) Co-ordinator and Registrar: Tiffany Welsh - tiffany.welsh@hotmail.com or leave at School office:

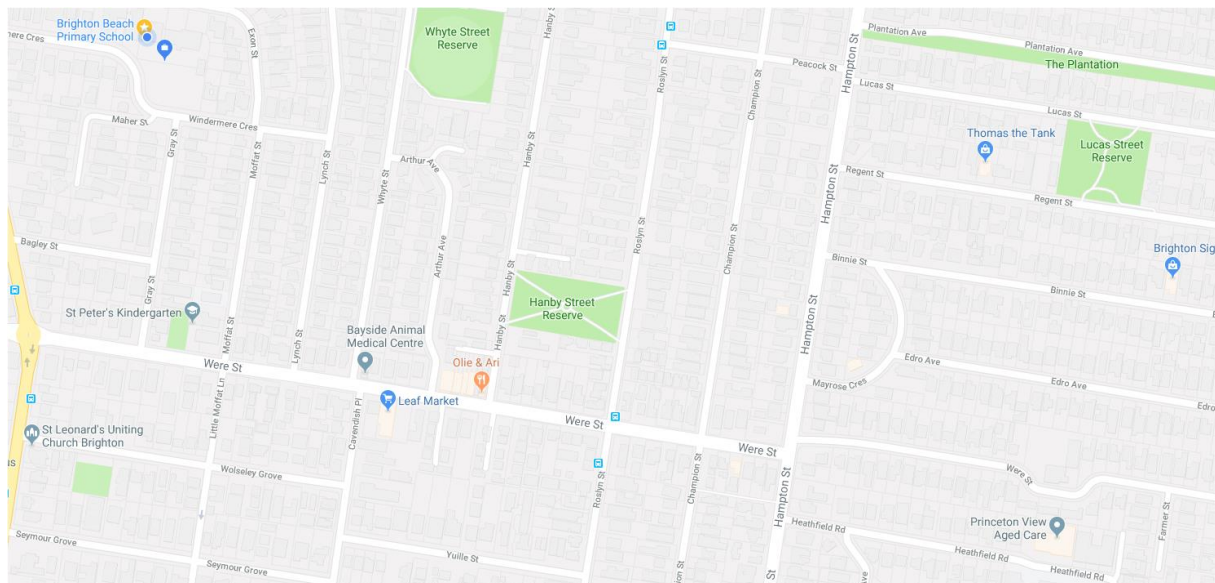
See you on board!





**Brighton Beach Primary School
Walking School Bus route
WSB Contact:**

WSB Coordinator and Registrar
Tiffany Welsh 0407 136 225



Route: Commence at the corner of Farmer St and Were St.
Walk down Were St and turn into Moffatt St then into Windermere.

The Walking School Bus™ Registration & -Consent Form

Registration Details (please print clearly)

Child's name: (indicate if more than one child)	
Class:	
Address:	
General Contact Telephone (B/H):	
Mobile Telephone :	
Emergency contact name:	
Emergency contact number:	
Relationship to child:	
Email	

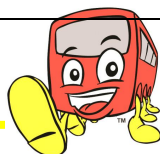
Consent

I wish for my child (ren) to use the Walking School Bus™ (WSB).	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that my child(ren)'s journey to school is still my responsibility even though they will be using the walking bus.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have read the Parent's Information form (attached).	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have explained the rules and behavioural requirements of the Walking School Bus™ to my child. My child understands that he/she must abide by these rules or he/she cannot participate in the program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I authorise for WSB volunteers to call an ambulance for my child if they consider it to be necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any medical conditions that may affect your child (ren) while using the WSB? (Please circle) If 'Yes', please outline the details of the problem and a brief instruction for management in the space provided. (You will be contacted regarding further details by the Registrar.)	Yes/No
I am happy for the Registrar to contact me about some of the volunteer tasks that are part of the Walking School Bus program	Yes/No

Parent/guardian's name:

Signed:

Date



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Or leave at School office:

To be completed by Student

Walking School Bus™ Student Participation Contract

When I go to/from school on the Walking School Bus™, I promise that I will:

- ★ Obey the instructions of the Walking School Bus™ driver and conductor
- ★ Be at the bus stop at the agreed time
- ★ Wear the safety accessory provided
- ★ Behave sensibly at all times

I understand that if I do not obey the rules of the Walking School Bus™, I might not be allowed to walk with the bus in the future.

Signed _____

Class _____

Date _____



The Walking School Bus™

Parent Information Sheet

Who walks with the children? The Driver and Conductor of the bus are parents just like you, so contact the WSB Coordinator if you are thinking of volunteering.

Does the Walking School Bus™ (WSB) operate in the rain?

The radar will be checked in the morning and you will receive an email if bus is cancelled.

What will happen if my child misbehaves while using the WSB?

If a child misbehaves, WSB volunteers will follow these procedures:

- Initial lack of co-operation (eg. rudeness, not following Driver/Conductor instructions): the volunteer will notify the school so that they can warn the child.
- Second misdemeanour: the child is to walk with the Driver and the Driver should notify the school to send a note home.
- Third misdemeanour: the child is to be excluded for a day from the program. Parents will be notified beforehand.

In the event of continuing lack of co-operation: the child is permanently excluded from program. Parents will be notified beforehand.

*In the event of any major misbehaviour, steps 1 to 3 will be bypassed and the child will be unable to participate in the future, parents will be informed. Major misbehaviour includes running onto a road ahead of the driver, physically assaulting another child or adult, any behaviour that endangers anybody's life or safety.

What should I do if my child will no longer be using the WSB?

You need to notify the WSB Co-ordinator.

Is it too late to volunteer with the WSB?

It is never too late! Contact your school's Walking School Bus Co-ordinator to arrange a training session. As a volunteer, you can choose to contribute to the WSB program through activities such as walking with the children, promoting the WSB or even ensuring there are forms in the office. Simply contact the WSB Co-ordinator.



Morning Walking School Bus™ information

What happens if my child is late?

The morning WSB is a casual service it operates like a bus on wheels. If your child is not at the allocated stop in the morning, the driver will assume you are taking them to school and the WSB will continue on to school without him/her.

This means that:

1. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is on time for the WSB. If your child is late, he/she will miss the bus
2. It is your responsibility to wait with your child until the WSB arrives. If you choose to leave your child to wait unattended at the WSB stop and your child is not there when the WSB arrives, the volunteers will have no way of knowing that your child was waiting for the WSB and will not report your child's absence.

Unforeseen circumstances

In the event of any unforeseen circumstances, you will be alerted by SMS up to 10 minutes prior to the bus' scheduled start time, so please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date.

Medical condition(s) and management plan:

