

## **BUS CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

This Code of Conduct is between the student, their parent/caregiver, the bus company and Howick College.

Parents/caregivers and the students should ensure that they have read and fully understood this document, which is to be adhered to for the safety of the bus driver and all students travelling on the school bus.

The student agrees to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- a. When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey;
- b. I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus;
- c. If I am a standing passenger, I will stand quietly and not push or move around the bus;
- d. I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver);
- e. I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver or other passengers;
- f. I will respect the property of the bus operator at all times e.g. refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way;
- g. I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk;
- h. I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver and the teachers responsible for bus duty at all times, including when I have to transfer buses;
- i. I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my parent/caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on the standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that our parents/caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

### **If this Code of Conduct is broken:**

- Disciplinary action will be taken by the school;
- If there is still no improvement, student's ability to travel on the school bus may be withdrawn, and the parent/caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to ensure they are meeting their legal obligation to get their child to school;
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour, the privilege of travelling on a school bus may be withdrawn immediately.

**By signing the Howick College Enrolment Form, students and parents/caregivers acknowledge that they fully understand and agreed to the conditions outlined above.**