



Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
New Zealand

Eligibility for School Transport Assistance

Each school has a Transport Entitlement Zone (TEZ) surrounding it, with the outer boundary being the mid-point between it and the next similar school.

Students may be eligible for a place on a KSTN bus in one of two ways:

1. If they attend the closest school available and reside at least 3.2km for Year 7 and 8 or 4.8km for Year 9 to 13 from that school, they are “Eligible” students.
2. If they attend a school that is not the closest available to them and reside more than 3.2km/4.8km from their closest school, they are designated “Transfer of Eligibility” students.

Students not meeting either of these criteria are “Non-eligible” students. All students will receive a Student ID Card annually. These will be used by Bus Drivers to identify students eligible to take the bus. We recommend students take a photo of this ID Card once received. Students who lose their card will be charged \$1 for a replacement.

Using the bus

“Eligible” students have a place on the school bus on a route determined by KSTN.

“Transfer of Eligibility” students have a place on the school bus from a scheduled stop within the school’s TEZ on the shortest route to the school. That stop must be more than 3.2km/4.8km from the school. Families must arrange to transport the student to/from that stop.

Non-Eligible students have no right to a place on any KSTN school bus. However, under certain conditions it may be possible to use a network bus by paying a fare.

Passenger Fares

Where space is available, the KSTN allows non-eligible student passengers who must pay a fare. Schools have details of the fares which are set by the contractor. This service is very limited and not guaranteed, as the eligible user numbers vary day-by-day, and will not be available if there are any standing passengers. Unfortunately, because of loadings, no space is available on any bus serving Waipapa so students are not able to use the buses to travel to sports practices at Waipapa.



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Students Conveyance Allowance

In many cases, buses do not travel to the TEZ boundary. This may be because there is no suitable terminus, or there are few eligible students, or the road is unsuitable. Students are expected to make their own way for up to 2.4km to the terminus bus stop. Where the distance is greater than 2.4km parents may apply for a conveyance allowance to assist with costs.

The application form is available at parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/school-transport-assistance/#apply

Caregivers should apply for the allowance in Term 1 to ensure the full annual allowance is received. The allowance is paid in retrospect at the end of each term. Once approved, the allowance remains active until the student leaves school or changes their address. A new application must be made as soon as a student changes address.

Bus Loading

Our aim is to have all students seated. Some routes do require some students to stand. However, no bus has been overloaded, and all drivers have strict instructions to not ever exceed the legal loadings. Most buses are licenced to carry around 20 standing student passengers.

We expect a high standard of behaviour from our students who are travelling on buses. Sensible behaviour is absolutely essential to the safety of students who travel by bus.

Bus Bay

Loading the large number of students efficiently and safely onto buses at the end of the day is a challenge. The twenty buses will not all fit in the bus bay, so they arrive at set staggered times. If even a single car is parked in the bus bay the process is considerably slower, leaving buses on Hone Heke Road unable to enter the bay and blocking all road traffic.

Please do not park in the bus bay between the times displayed on the signs.

Queries

All queries regarding the bus services need to be made to the school. The contractors are not able to make decisions about routes, or casual passengers.

Private Buses

In addition to the KSTN bus service, there are Clarks Coachline buses serving the Paihia, Opua, Kaikohe and Matauri Bay areas, and Stewarts serving Kaeo. All these are fare-paying services.