CERDON COLLEGE
BUS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Mornings - Travelling to Cerdon College
TRANSL SYSTEMS
Bonnyrigg
Wetherill Park
Smithfield
Fairfield Station
Greystanes
Pemulwuy
Merrylands Station
Parramatta Interchange
Canley Heights
Guildford Area
Merrylands Station

VEOLIA TRANSDEV
Chester Hill
Granville Area
Eastern Side (Granville Side) of Guildford Station

Afternoons - Travelling from Cerdon College
TRANSL SYSTEMS
To Merrylands Station (from Kenyons Road)
Wetherill Park  }
Smithfield  ) (from Sherwood Road)
Canley Heights  }
From Bristol Street (Merrylands High School side)

VEOLIA TRANSDEV
Kenyons Road

T-WAY
Sherwood Road

PLEASE NOTE
Due to the fact that the T-Way is a Public Bus, Transport for NSW will generally not issue a travel pass for this mode of transport unless it is the ONLY Public Transport a student is able to access or alternatively if the student has a serious medical condition, application may be made in writing with supporting medical documentation.

The College does not make decisions regarding the issuing of any bus pass and all enquiries regarding the decline of an application need to be directed to Transport for NSW at the Parramatta Regional Office on 9891 8900.

PLEASE SEE OVER THE PAGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Some Information from the Department of Transport for NSW

You can access the Transport for NSW Website at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts) and click on the link For students, parents and guardians

Here is some information from the Transport for NSW Website which may be helpful.

Eligibility requirements

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) can only be used for:

- Travel between home and the school campus at which the student is enrolled, and
- Approved travel, Monday to Friday on school days.
  The scheme does not extend to travel for activities such as:
- School excursions
- Sports events
- Work experience
- Attendance at Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools at a location away from the school/campus at which the student is enrolled
- Attendance at multi-campus high schools, Saturday schools, pre-schools, mini-schools (except for full-time geographically isolated distance education students)
- Attendance at before and after school care or child minding premises.

To be eligible for the scheme an applicant must be:

- a resident of NSW or an overseas student who is [eligible for free government education](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts)
- 4 years and 6 months of age or older and enrolled as one of the following:
  - an infant student (K-2) regardless of the distance between their home and school
  - primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.3 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school
  - secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.9 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school

How to apply

1. Application forms are available from the school or TAFE. Forms must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian if the student is under 16 years of age.
2. A separate application must be lodged for each part of the trip undertaken with a different transport operator. For instance, a journey using the services of two bus operators and CityRail requires three applications. If a trip is undertaken on two separate services of the same transport operator, only one application is necessary.
3. The completed application form(s) should be returned to the school or TAFE, which will verify that the student is enrolled. Schools also do an initial check on the student's eligibility on radial distance grounds.
4. The school will forward the application form(s) to the transport operator, who will assess whether the student meets the distance eligibility criteria.
5. If eligible, the operator will issue the student with a pass, which indicates that it is solely for travel under the scheme. In some cases (such as in rural areas) passes are not issued, as the operator knows the students.

A new application must be completed when a student:

- Enrols in Kindergarten
- Progresses from Year 2 to be an eligible student in Year 3
- Progresses from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changes name, school and/or address
- Applies for an additional travel pass in a joint/dual custody situation.

Unsuccessful applications

Applicants can reapply for the scheme through Transport for NSW if the operator rejects their application. They should reapply in writing to the nearest [Transport for NSW regional office](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts) setting out the reasons why the student should have access to the Scheme. These may include safety or medical issues.

If the application is also rejected by Transport for NSW, and the applicant believes there are special circumstances that should be taken into account (such as safety or hardship issues), they can appeal. The regional office will provide information at the time of rejection on how to appeal the decision.

Appeals are assessed by the School Student Transport Scheme Appeals Panel. Members of the panel include representatives of the Department of Education and Training, the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW, the Council of Catholic School Parents or the NSW Parents' Council and a member with expertise in safety.

Alternatively, students ineligible for the SSTS pass can apply for [School Student Term Bus Pass](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts).

Student responsibilities

When completing an application for subsidised travel under the scheme, parents and guardians acknowledge that students have been made aware of the codes of conduct. The codes of conduct were developed in conjunction with the bus industry, CityRail, representatives of parent groups and education authorities. They aim to ensure both the safety of students and the comfort of other passengers by outlining the behaviour required of students when travelling to and from school.

The codes of conduct are printed on the School Student Transport Scheme application forms. Parents/guardians are asked to discuss these simple rules with their children so that they understand the standards of behaviour required of students.

Depending on the seriousness of the misbehaviour, students may be penalised if they breach the codes of conduct. Students may have their travel pass temporarily or permanently suspended and may be required to make alternative travel arrangements. Students misbehaving on trains and railway stations may have their travel pass confiscated for up to one year and be required to buy normal tickets for travel to and from school.

School Student Transport Scheme passes

School students who are eligible for the School Student Transport Scheme will be issued with a pass that proves they are entitled to free travel. These passes are issued by the transport service provider (CityRail, or the bus or ferry operator).

Details for the Regional Office at Parramatta

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