

## MECS Bus Service

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MECS has 6 separate private bus routes to provide transport for students, travelling through the Croydon, East Ringwood, Boronia, Healesville, Cockatoo and Belgrave South areas. The exact route of the each bus is set at the start of each year, depending on where the students live, however, the general routes are:

- Croydon route: Mooroolbark, Chirnside Park, Croydon and Kilsyth
- East Ringwood: Canterbury Rd, Bayswater Rd, East Ringwood Railway Station, Mt Dandenong Road
- Boronia route: Montrose, Kilsyth South, Boronia, Bayswater, Ferntree Gully and Knoxfield
- Healesville route: travels along Maroondah Highway through Lilydale, Coldstream, Yarra Glen and on to Healesville.
- Cockatoo: Silvan, Monbulk, Emerald, Macclesfield and Cockatoo
- Mt Dandenong: Olinda, Sassafras, Kalista, Monbulk, Belgrave South

As our waiting lists are growing for bus seat allocations it is very important that the attached application form (over page) is returned to the school office as soon as possible.

The annual cost of seat allocations on the bus service for 2023 is \$568 per student (charged with the school fees at the beginning of the year), plus the Conveyance Allowance that you receive for your child/ren (if applicable – see below).

The **Conveyance Allowance** is a Government rebate available to families who live a minimum of 4.8km from the school, by the most direct route. There are additional eligibility requirements; we will send you a separate Conveyance Allowance Application form for you to complete if you are eligible.

If you have any questions regarding the MECS bus service or seat allocations, please contact Daniel Chatelier, Bus Coordinator, via the office on 03 9738 6000.

## Warburton Martyrs Bus Service

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The Warburton bus service is a separate free service provided by the government and operated by Martyrs. It is available to students who live between Wandin and Warburton, and close to Warburton Highway. Places on this service are dependent on seat availability.

To apply for position/s for this bus service, an *Application for Permission to Travel* form needs to be completed, indicating the number of students and which stops they will be utilising (using the *Martyrs Timetable*). This form and timetable are available from the school office, and must be returned to the office once completed.

If you have any questions regarding the Martyrs bus service, please contact Daniel Chatelier, Bus Coordinator, via the office on 03 9738 6000.

### Public Bus – No. 663

Alternatives to the MECS Buses are the public bus' that runs from Lilydale to Belgrave, via Mt Evelyn and Monbulk. For times and stops see the [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) website.

**APPLICATION TO TRAVEL ON CROYDON, EAST RINGWOOD, BORONIA, HEALESVILLE, COCKATOO, MT DANDENONG BUS SERVICE (2023)**

 Please tick which bus line you are applying for:  CROYDON  EAST RINGWOOD  BORONIA  HEALESVILLE  COCKATOO  MT DANDENONG

Please specify desired location for drop off / pick up point (major roads only):

 Please provide us with estimated distance by the shortest practicable route between this drop off / pick up address and the school: \_\_\_\_\_ kms

**STUDENT/S DETAILS (Please complete one form per family)**

Family Name	Given Name	Address	Year Level in 2023	Intended Date for Commencement of Travel eg. Term 1 2023	Any medical conditions/requirements the driver should be made aware?

Name and Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that you understand the costs of bus travel for your child/ren before lodging an application – see cover letter.