



# Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland

Portfolio

## Travel

### What we're working on

- Advocating Translink for the conveyance allowance to be re-calculated from the home garage to ensure rural and remote families (Class I recipients) who travel large distances on private property are adequately compensated.
- Seeking to align the conveyance allowance distance eligibility for secondary school students to be the same as primary school students at 3.2 km in areas classified as isolated.
- Advocating relevant bodies to provide reduced airfare costs to rural and remote students to access educational institutions.
- Advocating Translink for kindergarten students to have consistent, reliable access to a guaranteed seat on bus services, enabling them to attend locally delivered Kindergarten programs.
- Producing a collation to assist with advocacy by showcasing the information provided by members regarding their Kindergarten accessibility.
- Consulting with the Department of Transport and Translink regarding the maintenance of rural bus routes, reviewing conveyance allowances and student fares, and promoting the safety of children on rural roads.
- Lobbying the Department of Transport to review the process and methods used when considering the closure of Rural and Remote Bus runs.

### What we've achieved

- Advocated for Translink to provide definitive policy & guidelines regarding bus safety, travel, and route closure in rural and remote areas to ensure communities are not disadvantaged by external factors affecting the closure of bus runs.
- Increased prior consultation with ICPA Qld when possible, bus run closures are identified ensuring members are informed.
- ICPA Qld provided detailed member input into the recently completed Qld Government subsidised air and bus travel routes.
- Gained valuable member feedback information regarding kindergarten accessibility.
- Introduction of 'Free' chaperone fares on subsidised bus routes.
- Initiated the inclusion of Kindy students on two rural subsidised school bus services.
- Obtained clarification regarding the legal requirements of child restraints for Kindy students travelling on school buses.
- Received clarification around the payment of bus drivers during circumstances beyond their control, such as natural disasters and pandemics.
- Advocated for equitable access to education through travel support for all rural and remote students
- Increasing awareness of the ICPA Qld brand via promotional images on the back of two Greyhound buses.

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