



# **The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia (Inc)**

## **STUDENT TRAVEL**

***It is recommended that this Policy be read in conjunction with the Education Allowances Policy, other individual Portfolio Policies and associated ICPA Aust documents***

### **POLICY**

ICPA seeks the provision of affordable travel services and associated allowances ensuring access to school, place of board or educational facility by the most appropriate means.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. A national safety standard for all buses used for the transportation of school children and children attending early childhood education including:
  - a. buses transporting school children are fitted with seat belts,
  - b. school bus passenger sensors are installed on buses.
2. Student concessional travel fares are established for rural and remote students attending educational institutions within Australia travelling between their home residence and the educational establishment they attend.
3. Expanded airfare discount incentives and programs for regional, rural and remote students.
4. Fares Allowance is available for recipients of the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Allowance.
5. Regional and remote road networks are maintained in a safe and all-weather access standard for the safe travel of children, families and associated personnel while travelling via road to attend education and related services.
6. Student travel allowances are reciprocal between states and territories.
7. Federal Government retains the Remote Air Service Subsidy (RASS) Scheme and ensures it provides a free regular mail service, where required, and a regular and affordable passenger and freight service to isolated remote families and communities where there is no reliable alternative.