

# TRAVEL



## **POLICY:**

*Travel services and associated costs ensuring access to school/educational facilities by the most appropriate means to be provided; such to be reciprocal between New South Wales and all adjoining states.*

## **OBJECTIVES:**

1. The mode of acceptable transport is:
  - a) Car – a scaled rate Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy for distances up to 300km to realistically compensate family travel to school or school transport (daily, weekly, termly) with special provision for long distances on unsealed roads
  - b) Charter Bus – free return bus travel between home or pick-up point and school with negotiable arrangements ensuring there is no educational disadvantage, and emphasis on safety
  - c) Long Distance Coach – nine free return journeys per year on reputable coaches with adequate provision for school students' luggage
  - d) Rail – nine free return journeys per year (including XPT) with adequate provision for school students' luggage where Charter Coach is not reasonable or practicable.
2. Transport to Educational Activities through:
  - a) subsidised travel for families/students attending mini-schools/workshops conducted by Schools of Distance Education
  - b) subsidised travel for rural students obliged to attend seminars or courses not available locally, within curriculum or elective options
  - c) A subsidised scheme to enable an escort to accompany a handicapped child travelling between home and place of board/assessment/therapy.
3. Travel Safety  
To increase safety on country buses the NSW Government implement the following measures:
  - a) every child travelling on country buses to be provided with a separate seat with seat-belt attached
  - b) on country roads “pull off” areas to be provided to alighting passengers
  - c) the responsible authority to ensure that “School Bus” signs are clearly distinguishable and well maintained so as to give oncoming and overtaking traffic clear warning
  - d) School buses operating in country areas to travel with headlights switched on to alert oncoming traffic.

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