

# Bus and Travel

Students wishing to catch a school bus to attend St Stephen's Catholic College, are encouraged to confirm details of their travel with the proprietor who manages their own route. Families from outside Mareeba are required to pay a weekly fee for bus travel. This amount is billed to families by the College and then reimbursed to the various bus companies.

There is a subsidy from the Non-Government Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NGSTAS) so children can access Non-Government Schools. Students who travel over 4.8 kilometres to school by bus are eligible for transport assistance, funded by the State Government. More information can be found on the Queensland School Bus Subsidy Scheme website. In 2024, the subsidy is \$35.00 per week. We will be notified of the 2025 rate in October 2024.

Students travelling from Atherton, Tolga, Dimbulah, Mossman, Julatten, Mount Molloy, Kuranda or Speewah by bus, will receive an account for bus fares as part of their term school fee account.

Please note that it is quite common in other centres that students change buses when travelling to and from school. In some cases, students will be required to change buses at Mareeba State High School or at St Thomas'. There will be a fare attached to travel from Mareeba State High School to St Stephen's. Students travelling between 1.6 kilometres and 3.2 kilometres can expect to pay approximately \$2.50 each way.

Queries regarding bus travel should be directed to the bus proprietor relevant to your location. The contact numbers are listed in the table below.

Names of Bus Drivers and their contact details:		
Rob McCarthy	Atherton, Tolga and Rangeview	Phone: 4092 6462 Mobile: 0417 787 301
Michael Baksaj	Paddy's Green and Springs Road Dimbulah	Phone: 4092 4390 Mobile: 0447 737 554
Frank and Silvano Ruggeri	Kuranda, Speewah, Koah Emerald End Road, Hastie Road, Amaroo, Ceola Drive Mareeba Area/Ellery Road Aerodrome/Jennings Road, Walkamin	Frank: 0417 613 406 Silvano: 0437 455 888
Michael Panetta	Mossman, Julatten and Port Douglas	Michael Panetta: 0459 132 246
Robert Bambino and Erminio Bambino	Mt Molloy, Bilwon and Chewko Road	Robert: 0429 451 861 Erminio: 0447 462 765
Tiffany Bambino	Mutchilba to Dimbulah (connects with Michael Baksaj bus run)	Phone: 4093 1040 Mobile: 0400 058 761
Emerson Bus Company	Connection from Ravenshoe/ Malanda/ Millaa Millaa/ Yungaburra to Atherton (connects with Rob McCarthy bus run)	Phone: 4096 5262