



PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE

BusMinder

BusMinder creates a safer, more secure way for students to travel to and from school. Using the latest in GPS and smartcard technology, BusMinder provides the College and parents with real-time information on the location of the Adelaide Hills and Eastern Suburbs bus.

As students board the bus, they tap their student ID card against the BusMinder unit which records their name, location and time that the student boarded. This 'tap' can be configured to let parents know that their son(s) have boarded or departed the bus. All student 'Tap On' and 'Tap Off' information is available to the College in real time. The parent app also contains an alert feature that can be used to notify parents if a bus is running late, has been replaced or not be running that day.

The bus will have a BusMinder unit installed and the driver is allocated a login ID. When the driver is about to begin a morning or afternoon run, the driver will login and selects the run they are starting which marks the bus as active. Once the bus is active, its location is then available to parents and the school in real time.

At the conclusion of the trip the driver will logoff of the system, if the system shows there are still students on board, the driver must confirm he has checked the bus and confirmed that all students have left the bus. This assists in ensuring that no students are left on board after a run is completed. Once a bus is no longer active, the bus location is not available to parents.

Each student registered on the bus service taps their student ID card on the BusMinder unit as they board the bus, or students can record themselves as travelling using the No Card feature. The No Card feature allows students without an ID card to 'tap' themselves onto the bus. Drivers will ensure that each student travelling must either use their student ID card, or record themselves as travelling using No Card. For the system to work efficiently, we ask that students with ID cards have their cards out ready when boarding.

The College will issue parents with a username and password attached to their sons record. Once you have logged into the parent app, you will be able to see the location of the bus in real time. This can assist with selecting the appropriate time to drop your son(s) at the pickup location, or to meet the bus in the afternoon.

The BusMinder Parent App can be downloaded from:
Apple App Store – Bus Minder Parent
Google Play – Bus Minder Express

You can also find a short video on how the App works on youtube.