



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC COLLEGE, EDMONDSON PARK

A Diocesan College in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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24th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience. This email is to inform you of significant events and provide you with an update on our site at Edmondson Park. The good news is that all systems are go. We have a fantastic new school situated on Jardine Drive and the facilities look amazing. Last night at around 6:30pm, we received our certificate of occupancy. This means that we can officially occupy the site. The uniform shop was open this morning and Saturday morning. Please call the uniform shop on 80737419 to arrange fitting appointments.

The final concreting of footpaths and so on is being done today and Jardine Drive will receive its final coat of road base tomorrow. Unfortunately our school phones are not yet connected. This should be done by end of the day Thursday 25th. If you need to contact the College urgently please use info@sfccdw.catholic.edu.au.

TRANSPORT:

a) Buses:

Interline buses have finalised some interim bus routes to service St Francis. These services should cater to the majority of our students. The full details of the service will be added to the Interline bus website before the end of the week. Search for bus routes '869' or 'School Services'.

Essentially there are two buses that are planned to service the school each morning. They are as follows:

Bus 869 Departs Liverpool Station 7:19am Via Moore, L Copeland, R Hoxton Pk Rd, L Hill (Lurnea Shops 07:32) R Jedda, L Wonga, R Kurrajong, L San Marino, R Dalmeny, R Wroxham (Preston Shops 07:46) R Braidwood, L Bumbera, R Bundanoon - Corfield, Gellibrand, L Hartepool, R Vinny, R Dalmatia, L Jardine to school.

Bus 869 Departs Ingleburn Station 7:45am Via Macquarie, L Henderson, L Williamson, R Macdonald, R Campbelltown, L Croatia (Edmondson Pk Station 8:01) L Dalmatia, L Jardine to school

In the afternoon the following buses are planned:

Bus 869 Departs St Francis 14:50 Via Jardine, R Dalmatia, R Croatia, R Campbelltown, L Macdonald, L Williamson, R Henderson, L Macquarie to Ingleburn Station

869 Departs St Francis 14:58 Via Jardine, R Dalmatia, L Vinny, L Hartepool, R Gellibrand, Corefield, Bundanoon, L Bembera, R Braidwood, L Wroxham, L Dalmeny, L San Marino, R Kurrajong, L Wonga, R Jedda, L Hill, R Hoxton Pk Rd, L Copeland, R Moore to Liverpool Station



The bus company have proposed a bus 869 which departs St Francis at 3:28pm to go to Liverpool Station but this is unlikely to be suitable as supervision at school concludes at 3:15pm.

A less acceptable proposal has been offered for students of Willowdale and Leppington. A Busabout Bus leaves Willowdale Estate Mindari Street at 7:09am. It arrives at the Hotel at Leppington 7:14am and then arrives Leppington Station 7:24am. Students would then catch the 7:41 train from Leppington Station which arrives Edmondson Park Station at 7:46am and then catch the Interline Bus 869 which arrives at the station at 8:01am. I do not believe that this is acceptable but it appears very few families have approached the department of transport NSW to request a school service as both myself and Michael Pruss of Interline suggested at the end of last year. Perhaps this is because the majority of parents are planning to drop students off to school on their way to work?

For parents of Macquarie Links please note that the proposed services DO NOT come into Macquarie Links estate. Whilst other bus services do, this is something that would have to be negotiated directly with Interline. I feel that the bus entering the estate (as it did last year with our charter buses) would be safer for the students.

A reminder that all students catching buses will require an Opal card. There is usually a few weeks grace at the beginning of the school year to allow Opal cards to be delivered. Please note that to apply for a School Opal card, you will need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible:

Years K-2 (Infants) No minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.

Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

If you have further concerns please contact Transport NSW. The school and bus companies are not able to negotiate bus services directly. I am reliably told however, that parents who are vigorous in their requests most often get looked after.

b) Walking/ Riding to School:

Any student who intends to walk or ride a bicycle to school unsupervised by parents will be required to complete a permission form provided by the College. Please do not plan to have students walking or riding until the beginning of Week 2 so that routines and procedures can be explained. It is permissible for students who are walking with parents to walk to and from school from Day 1.

c) Parent Pick Up & Drop Off:

Parents who choose to park in the College car park and bring their child into school or pick them up OR use our Car Line will have these procedures explained to them during the optional tours of the school on Monday 29th January or at the Parent Information Evening Thursday 8th February.

OPTIONAL TOURS OF ST FRANCIS SITE:

The College Leadership Team invites you to attend optional tours of our school. This is a chance for parents and students to have a short tour (approx. 40 minutes) of the College and its facilities. Tours also provide an explanation of how parent pick up and drop off will work each

morning & afternoon.

Tours will start at 4pm on Monday 29th January and run again at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Please ensure you are wearing fully enclosed shoes.

STAFFING NEWS:

We would like to congratulate Mr Mark Boss who at the conclusion of Term 4 was successful in his application for a Coordinators position at a Diocesan Catholic School in Wollongong. We are delighted to welcome Miss Catherine Laskaris who will be teaching Year 4 this year.

We also congratulate Miss Libby Small on her successful appointment as an Instructional Coach at St Francis. We warmly welcome Ms Cara Sagers who will be job sharing Kinder Red with Miss Small two days per week.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

A Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday Week 2 (8th Feb). This is a compulsory College event and will provide parents with information on routines and procedures that relate to parents and carers as well as information from class teachers about class procedures, aspects of the curriculum and homework.

Due to restricted space in our Hall, the evening will have a staggered start. For families with child's surname A-H or parents with 3 or more students enrolled at the College, the evening will start at 6:00pm sharp. For families with child's surname I-Z the meeting will start at 6:30pm sharp. The venue will be the College Hall. Further information will be sent out in Week 1.

FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS:

A reminder that Wednesday 31st January is the first day back for students Years 1 -8. Kindergarten 'Best Start' interviews start on Weds 31st and run through to Tuesday 6th Feb. The first full day for Kindergarten students is Weds 7th Feb. All students are to return in full summer school uniform. We will advise parents of students sport days to begin from Week 2.

Weather permitting, all students will assemble under the Shade Sails for a welcoming assembly at 8:30am.

Please be advised that students will be notified of classes for Years 1, 7 & 8 on Day 1.

SUPERVISION HOURS:

OOSH (Out of School Hours) Care commences each school morning at 6:30am. OOSH operates out of the College Hall. Students arriving for OOSH between 6:30am – 7:30am will enter via the main gate and proceed directly to the Hall. At 7:30am the main gate will be closed and students will need to access OOSH via the College Reception Building. The main gate will remain closed until 8:00am when College supervision begins. Parents are not to drop students to school prior to 8:00am please.

Afternoon College supervision of students will cease at 3:15pm each school afternoon. All students not attending OOSH should be collected by this time.

I would sincerely like to thank all of our staff for their dedication in preparing the College to start at our permanent site next week. A huge thank you to the building and design team for their excellent work.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 31st January.

Yours sincerely- Simon Abernethy



Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Fwd: Inquiry from St Francis Catholic College - Edmondson Park

1 message

Bernadette Manchester <manchesterb01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 8:33 AM

To: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>, Melissa Vella <vellam04@dow.catholic.edu.au>

FYI - Response from Michael Proust of Interline Bus Services.

Best regards, B

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Michael Pruss** <michael@interlinebus.com.au>

Date: 26 April 2018 at 08:31

Subject: RE: Inquiry from St Francis Catholic College - Edmondson Park

To: Bernadette Manchester <manchesterb01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Good Morning Bernadette,

Unfortunately those expected services have been delayed until later this year.

The bus manufacturing industry has had some changes of ownership etc and have not been able to provide vehicles to service operators.

All areas of Sydney are experiencing the same issue.

I will let you know when we receive an update.

Regards,

Michael

From: Bernadette Manchester [mailto:manchesterb01@dow.catholic.edu.au]**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 April 2018 1:39 PM**To:** Michael Pruss**Subject:** Inquiry from St Francis Catholic College - Edmondson Park

Dear Michael,

Simon has asked me to followup with you regarding the status of the proposed new bus service approved to operate from Carnes Hill, Horningsea Park, St Francis Catholic College and then to Glenfield and visa-versa.

This was to start in May 2018. Please advise when this service will start, what times these buses will run and the bus route numbers. We have some fairly vocal parents wishes to find this information out asap.

Please call me on my mobile if it is convenient - 0409 276 652.

Thanks and best regards, B

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Interline Buses

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Mon, Apr 23, 2018 at 6:46 AM

To: Bernadette Manchester <bernadette.manchester@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Hi B,

This week could you please badger Michael Pruss from Interline buses. We need some information. Last year, Michael suggested that a new bus service was approved to operate from Carnes Hill, Horningsea Park, St Francis and then to Gelnfield and visa-versa. This was to start in May. I need to know what times these buses will run please. We have a number of families who will want to use the bus. The Santos & Chant families are particularly vocal about the need for this service.

Could I also get you to do some shopping for Sunday night? I need fabric from Spotlight cut into strips to make approx. 15 blindfolds. Can you also please shop for some drinks and nibbles for Sunday night. We need crackers, cheese, dips, chips, salsa etc. If you can also organise some soft drinks, I'll get the alcoholic drinks. Can I also confirm that we have dinner booked in for Sunday night with Mulgoa?

I should be in to work this afternoon after lunch.

Thanks- Simon

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Re: Term Start Jan 2018

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>
To: Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>

Sat, Jan 13, 2018 at 2:12 PM

Hi Michael,

St Francis Catholic College's first day with students is Weds 31st January for students in Year 1 to Year 8. Another 75 students in Kindergarten will start the following Wednesday 7th January.

Thanks- Simon

On Fri, Jan 12, 2018 at 9:16 AM, Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au> wrote:

Good Morning Simon,

Please see attached school services details – 29.01.2018

The first thing I need to confirm with you is the date that the bus bay will be operational.

I need to coordinate vehicle movement as if we turn into Jardine and cant turn around in your bus bay it will be a problem.

The AM service from Liverpool will arrive approx 07:58 and the other from Ingleburn at approx 08:06

The PM service departures are shown on the attached.

Regards,**Michael**

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**St Francis School Advice 1.xlsx**
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29.01.2018			
AM	Route	Time	Origin
	869	7:19	Liverpool Station
	869	7:45	Ingleburn Station
PM	Route	Time	Destination
Ex School - To	869	14:50	Ingleburn Station
	869	14:58	Liverpool Station
	869	15:28	Liverpool Station

St Francis College, Edmondson Park

Description

Via Moore, L Copeland, R Hoxton Pk Rd, L Hill (Lurnea Shops 07:32) R Jedda, L Wonga, R Kurrajong, L San Marino, R Dalmeny, 07:46) R Braidwood, L Bumbera, R Bundanoon - Corfield, Gellibrand, L Hartepool, R Vinny , R Dalmatia, L Jardine to school.

Via Macquarie, L Henderson, L Williamson, R Macdonald, R Campbelltown, L Croatia (Edmondson Pk Station 8:01) L Dalmatia

Description

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As above



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FW: Emailing: St Francis School Advice

1 message

Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>
To: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Thu, Jan 4, 2018 at 3:14 PM

Hi Simon,

I tried calling you mobile re start of the school – left a message.

I have been monitoring the site since December and it looks like its behind schedule.

I need feedback regarding the operational plan attached as this has not been finalised with TfNSW.

The school specials will have to wait until I can confirm the requirement with you.

I have the data for route 869 ready to go however do need to confirm the start date.

One point to note, the services will not have time (initially) to operate via Ingleburn Gardens.

To do so will require additional modification to the route and a separate funding submission to TfNSW.

Please get back to me as soon as you can.

Regards,

Michael

From: Michael Pruss
Sent: Monday, 11 December 2017 3:04 PM
To: 'Simon Abernethy'
Subject: Emailing: St Francis School Advice

Hi Simon,

I have attached a proposed set of services to commence (pending approval from TfNSW) 29.01.2018.

Please do not forward this information until I advise of TfNSW final approval.

I was able to identify two additional school specials that could be re directed to your school.

Please note the two later services.

If you have no concerns with the timings I will push TfNSW.

Can you get back to me as soon as you can please.

Thanks,

Michael



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Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Emailing: St Francis School Advice

1 message

Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>

Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 3:03 PM

To: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

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29.01.2018			
AM	Route	Time	Origin
	869	7:19	Liverpool Station
	869	7:50	Ingleburn Station
	3010	7:43	Macarthur Square
PM	Route	Time	Destination
	869	14:52	Ingleburn Station
	869	14:59	Liverpool Station
	869	15:30	Liverpool Station
	4010	15:39	Macarthur Mall

St Francis College, Edmondson Park**Description**

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Via Kellicar, Hurley R Railway, L Queen, L Campbelltown, M5 to Raby Rd, R Raby, L Campbelltown to St Andrews Rd - Returns Soldiers, L Dalmatia, L Jardine to school

Description

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As above

Note: First Set Down Campbelltown & Macdonald Rd - Via Jardine, R Dalmatia, R Croatia, Soldiers, R Campbelltown, L Centr Campbelltown, R Queen, R Railway L Hurley to Mall



Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

RE: St Francis Buses

1 message

Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>

Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 1:16 PM

To: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Hi Simon,

- Macquarie Links Estate. I am aware of some services looping into the estate. I will have to apply to TfNSW for approval to do that with Rte 869 services.
- Willowdale, Emerald Hills, Leppington. Direct requests from parents/schools to TfNSW is the most effective way to have additional services considered.
- March (after student numbers are confirmed) is when I can look at amending some services. TfNSW will demand to see passenger data so we can't bring that forward.
- May 2018 is planned commencement of new services in the area. Having buses constructed is the determining factor with this timeline. Can't bring that forward either.

I'll keep you updated with what I can do and what requests I get from TfNSW to investigate.

Regards,

Michael

From: Simon Abernethy [<mailto:abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>]**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 November 2017 12:00 PM**To:** Michael Pruss**Subject:** St Francis Buses

Dear Michael,

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18/09/2018

Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Wollongong Mail - RE: St Francis Buses

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Re: Bus Routes for St Francis Catholic College

1 message

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Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 12:59 PM

To: Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>

Cc: info <info@sfccow.catholic.edu.au>

Hi Michael,

Thanks for your email. Last week we updated our website to include the info you presented at our Parent Orientation Meeting. It provides basic info on the 869 and proposed 853-854 routes. Parents who need services outside of this scope have been encouraged to contact the Dept of Transport directly and use the Request a Service link.

To see this section of our website please click on the following link:

http://www.sfccow.catholic.edu.au/?page_id=1588

Thanks for your support- Simon

On Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 12:05 PM, Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au> wrote:

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RE: Confirmation of Bell Times & Bus Routes for St Francis Catholic College

1 message

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To: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 8:54 AM

Morning Simon,

Your proposed bell times should work ok.

There is a new train timetable being announced very soon.

I have designed services to connect with that however I'm not able to release any information until the NSW Govt has made it public.

I'm not sure if they will do that before the 30th.

Having said that it looks to me that I could have a service in each direction (2xAM & 2PM) at the school within approx 15 – 20min of both bells at this stage.

I will get some more detail (what I am able to provide) to you asap.

Regards,

Michael

Michael Pruss

General Manager Networks



Email: michael@interlinebus.com.au

Phone: 0297657222

From: Simon Abernethy [mailto:abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 October 2017 6:47 PM
To: Michael Pruss
Subject: Confirmation of Bell Times & Bus Routes for St Francis Catholic College

Hi Michael,

Just seeking confirmation that Interline is OK with our start (8:30am) and finish (2:45pm) times each day? Also wondering how the confirmation of bus routes for our students is going? As previously discussed, we have two parent meetings on Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st October at 7pm. We are hoping that a representative from interline will be able to attend to assist in answering any questions from parents? We will also need details of the bus routes and times before the Parent Meetings so that they can be published.

Many thanks for your ongoing support- Simon

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To: Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>

Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 6:46 PM

Hi Michael,

Just seeking confirmation that Interline is OK with our start (8:30am) and finish (2:45pm) times each day? Also wondering how the confirmation of bus routes for our students is going? As previously discussed, we have two parent meetings on Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st October at 7pm. We are hoping that a representative from interline will be able to attend to assist in answering any questions from parents? We will also need details of the bus routes and times before the Parent Meetings so that they can be published.

Many thanks for your ongoing support- Simon

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RE: Residential addresses for St Francis current students and 2018 enrolments

1 message

Michael Pruss <michael@interlinebus.com.au>
To: Kerrie McDonald <mcdonaldk01@dow.catholic.edu.au>
Cc: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 3:11 PM

Hi Kerrie,

Thanks for that info.

I look forward to further discussion.

Regards,

Michael

From: Kerrie McDonald [mailto:mcdonaldk01@dow.catholic.edu.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 3:06 PM
To: Michael Pruss
Cc: Simon Abernethy
Subject: Residential addresses for St Francis current students and 2018 enrolments

Good afternoon Michael

Simon asked me to send this information through to you. He will be in contact with you later this month about transport routes in readiness for our Parent Orientation nights in October.

Regards

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Re: Week 1 - 2018

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 1:50 PM

To: Melissa Vella <vellam04@dow.catholic.edu.au>

All good.

Mrs Muscat will actually get a better outcome for the kids so Mac links bus will eventually be ok. Pretty hard for Interlone and the Drot of Transport to argue. Much safer the way she is proposing. It may also help with the Leppington. Link. I tried telling Michael Pruss this would happen but clearly he is not familiar with MrsMuscat?

Why does Jen need leave Day 2?

Cheers- Simon

On Fri, 26 Jan 2018 at 1:47 pm, Melissa Vella <vellam04@dow.catholic.edu.au> wrote:

Nah that whole session is 90 mins, that includes Welcome Assembly plus the first session where K-4 is in classrooms and 5-8 is in the Hall. Then we come outside at 10am for 'break time practice' for 30 mins.

The only reason I didn't put a specific time on Assembly is so no one holds us to it, haha!!!!

I agree it should take more than 15 mins for assembly and 15 mins for everyone to leave!!

Does that make sense?

PS. the part I wanted to know if you were okay with Jen taking leave on Day 2? hehe :)

Mrs Melissa Vella

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On 26 January 2018 at 13:30, Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au> wrote:

Hi Mel,

Looks great. My only reservation is will we need them for the full 90 mins at the start of the day on Weds? A long time to be sitting on the asphalt? I expect it will closer to 9:00am before we get everyone organised, get rid of parents etc and I know we need to do PB4L but would be better to do it in two split sessions or make the session shorter?

Your thoughts???

Cheers- Simon

On Fri, 26 Jan 2018 at 1:22 pm, Melissa Vella <vellam04@dow.catholic.edu.au> wrote:

Hey,

Just checking you're okay with this?

Mel

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On 26 January 2018 at 12:44, Jennifer Ring <ringj02@dow.catholic.edu.au> wrote:
Hi Mel,

Happy Australia Day :).

I am going to need to take Carers leave on Tuesday. I've tried to get around it but my son is very anxious about starting year 7 and I need to take him for the orientation start on Tuesday (then they finish early). Sorry.

Looking forward to Monday.

Jen

On Fri, 26 Jan 2018 at 10:19 am, Melissa Vella <vellam04@dow.catholic.edu.au> wrote:

Good morning everyone,

Happy Australia Day!! I hope you are all enjoying the start of the long weekend before we kick off to what is sure to be another crazy, but awesome year!!

Below I have attached the agenda's for our two Staff Development Days: Monday 29th/Tuesday 30th January.

Please note morning tea and lunch will be provided on both days. On Monday our morning tea will be a celebration of the January Staff Birthdays and lunch will be chicken/salad/rolls.

Casual dress for these days is appropriate.

I know many staff have starting thinking about 'what will happen' during the first week back. I have also attached an agenda for Day 1: Wednesday 31st January. We will go through this in more detail during our SD Days. This agenda hugely depends on the weather (and it's currently predicted to rain!). Weather permitting our agenda for Thursday 1st February will also run in a similar way.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again to EVERYONE for the HUGE effort in getting our College ready for next week!

Mel

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Re: Cancellation of bus to and from St Francis

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 6:57 PM

To: alison4@zoho.com

Cc: "melissa.vella" <melissa.vella@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Good evening Mrs Muscat,

I did meet with Michael Pruss from Interline buses this afternoon after receiving your email. I explained to Michael that as a new school on a new site, we had encouraged parents to pick up students in our short first week thus providing us time to rehearse explicit routines and processes. I suggested that more students would be catching buses over the next fortnight and had an assurance from Michael that the service would continue as it currently operates for at least another two weeks. We will promote the bus service with parents at our Information night next Thursday.

Thanks for keeping us informed.

Warm regards- Simon

On Fri, 2 Feb 2018 at 12:17 pm, alison muscat <alison4@zoho.com> wrote:

Dear Simon and Mel,

Interline have today advised that the school bus service to and from school via Macquarie links estate will be cancelled end of next week if more parents do not use it. Currently only 2 students have been using it.

Is there any chance you can please let parents know that if they are in Macquarie links and would like a bus service to please use it next week or it will be cancelled both ways.

Interline said if it gets cancelled it will be extremely difficult to have it reinstated at a later time.

Kind regards,
Alison Muscat

Simon Abernethy

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Re: Santos children change of travel home for today 22/02/18

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>
 To: Edyleen Santos <Edyleen@outlook.com>

Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 4:20 PM

Hi Edyleen,

Apologies for not responding to your email earlier. I've been investigating what we can do in regard to the situation with buses. Unfortunately, the school bus cannot be used. The problem is not the bus, it is the driver. We do not have funding to provide a bus driver to do school to home bus runs. We have a couple of teachers who have a bus licence and they are in demand to act as drivers for school excursions etc.

Better news may come in the form of an Interline bus service which has already been approved and runs from Glenfield to Carnes Hill via the school. This bus service has been approved by Transport NSW to commence in May. The best contact for information on this proposed service is Mr Michael Pruss, General Manager Network Development for Interline buses. His phone number is 97657222 or email michael@interlinebus.com.au. Michael should be able to provide details of the actual route and times.

Thanks- Simon

On Thu, Feb 22, 2018 at 9:35 AM, Edyleen Santos <Edyleen@outlook.com> wrote:
 To whom it may concern,

Please be informed that my children,

Nereena 7B
 Nerayo 3B
 Neeco 1G

Will be catching the 869 bus to Ingleburn this afternoon as we will be doing a practice run from Edmondson park train station to Glenfield and then a bus to home.

This will be a test to see if it is a viable means of transport home. My fear is connecting trains and buses especially if Nereena is away, it means that the boys will be on their own to get home safely.

I'm wondering if there would be a consideration for the school to make use of the school bus to take those families that are struggling to find a service to get their kids home safely. As duty of care, I feel the Diocese should find a way to help those families who in good faith have given everything to the school. It is a two way street that without the children there is no school. Having heard that children have left the school because the travel was almost impossible to opt for a public school closer to home, even though St Francis on paper is not even that far, floors me.

It would be a tragedy if there was an incident where a child just did not get home.

These are my fears and my plea.

Sincerely,

Edyleen Santos.

Sent from my iPhone

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St Francis Catholic College Buses

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Fri, Apr 6, 2018 at 3:39 PM

To: Christine McCormack <christine.mccormack@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Good afternoon Christine,

Thanks for our conversation re buses this morning. I did attempt to phone Mr Michael Pruss, General Manager Network Development, Interline Buses. Unfortunately each time I called he was unavailable and in meetings. I have left him my number to call and so if I hear from him, I will let you know ASAP. I am conscious that you'll probably want to get back to Mrs Santos and thought you should know that I have tried but have been unable to contact him at this stage.

Thanks- Simon

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Bus Inquiry

1 message

Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>
To: Lucica Chant <lucicachant@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 8:27 AM

Good morning Mrs Chant,

Apologies for the delay in responding to your inquiry. Late last year Michael Pruss of Interline, suggested that we would have a north-south bus service running for the beginning of 2018 and that an east west bus service extending from Carnes Hill, going to SFCC and then to Glenfield and return was also approved but couldn't be started until May. I thought this was very frustrating as families require it from the beginning of the year. It was further suggested that the delay may be a result of buses not physically being available, as one of Australia's biggest manufacturers of buses had just closed down.

I contacted Michael in May to ask when the service was to operate but was told that this would no longer be operating based on the number of students we have.

In recent weeks in our school newsletter, I have asked all parents to register for a Opal Card. Anyone outside of walking distance is eligible for it but many do not register as they regularly drive their children. We need all parents to register as Transport NSW use this data to determine school bus routes. We are also sending emails to all of our new families for 2019, requesting that they register for an Opal Card. With 300 new students coming on board for next year, numbers should be far easier to justify.

I believe it is in the bus company's best interest to offer a service. They get paid by the government to do so. We have a late bus that runs past the school about 3:20pm. I told the bus company that it would not likely be used frequently but it was approved by the government and has run most days despite the fact that students rarely get on.

I understand that you have been agitating for a service and I thank you for that. I share your frustration but the best way forward is to encourage all parents to register for an Opal Card. We will increase our efforts with parents throughout August and meet again with the bus company in Sept.

Thanks- Simon

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FW: St Francis Catholic College Buses

1 message

Christine McCormack <christine.mccormack@dow.catholic.edu.au>
 To: Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>

Tue, Jun 26, 2018 at 1:31 PM

Good Afternoon Simon

Sorry to trouble you and please note this is not an 'Urgent Issue'.

I still have this matter open and ongoing for Edyleen Santos.

I would understand that this issue will not change for 2018 but I would be interested if you are aware of any future developments that may improve the transport to and from school in 2019.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

With kind regards

Christine McCormack

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From: Christine McCormack <christine.mccormack@dow.catholic.edu.au>**Sent:** Monday, 9 April 2018 1:49 PM**To:** Simon Abernethy <abernethys01@dow.catholic.edu.au>**Subject:** RE: St Francis Catholic College Buses

Simon

Many thanks for your follow up. I forgot to mention that Mrs Santos informed me she had spoken to Mr Pruss and he was interested in obtaining information on the address /suburbs the students at St Francis are travelling to and from in order to support the proposed new bus routes! Would he have requested that information from the school?

I understand from our conversation the new service (Currans Hill) which will commence in May 2018 is not a dedicated school bus service but a public service.

18/09/2018

Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Wollongong Mail - FW: St Francis Catholic College Buses

I also asked Mrs Santos if she had spoken to her Local Member regarding her concern and she advised me at this stage she had not.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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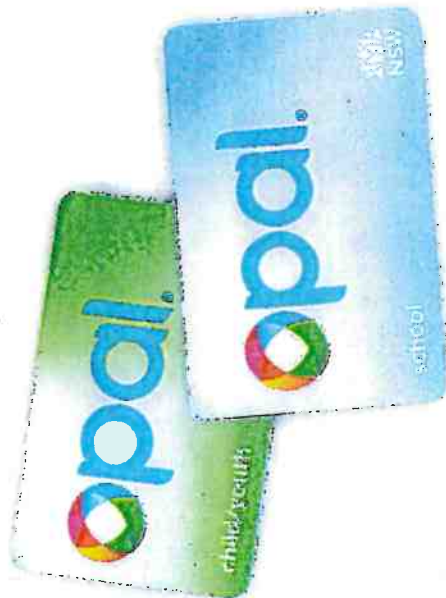
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Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If your children already have a School Opal card and are changing schools, campuses or going into Year 3 or 7, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/sats](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/sats)

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Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transport.nsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

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Information correct as at April 2016.

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

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A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



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11 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

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Currently, we have been advised by the bus drivers that our students are not using their Opal cards.

We have been notified that this could result in reduced bus services for 2019.

SFCC staff will be asking all students who board the buses of an afternoon to have their Opal cards out and ready to scan. Please talk to your children about the importance of tapping on and off.

Again further bus services and the maintenance of the ones we have will only be possible if there is a proven demand.

Yours faithfully

Mr Simon Abernethy, Principal

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Find out more at interlineconnect.com.au.

Although the other man couldn't hear the band – he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you." May we all be positive thinkers and may our actions always encourage others.

God bless - Simon Abernethy



SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Please be advised that all fees must be finalised by the beginning of November.

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SFCC staff will be asking all students who board the buses of an afternoon to have their Opal cards out and ready to scan. Please talk to your children about the importance of tapping on and off. Again further bus services and the maintenance of the ones we have will only be possible if there is a proven demand.

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