

Bendigo school bus administration is moving online

Dear Families

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) and the Department of Education and Training (DET) have reviewed the administrative system of the School Bus Program to streamline and improve the process for parents and students.

Here is a summary of the changes:

- An online **School Bus Management System** is being introduced and Bendigo school bus network has volunteered to be part of a pilot program from Term 1 2019.
- Once the changes occur, PTV will manage the application process, collect fares (if required) and issue bus passes, rather than schools.
- New students who would like to access a school bus will need to apply online through the **School Bus Management System** and will be assessed against all School Bus Program policy criteria.
- Schools will continue to play a vital role in the day to day management of on-the-ground information, such as student behaviour and emergencies.
- Until the changes officially begin, your school will continue to manage travel applications.

What does this mean for existing travellers?

- Existing school bus users that have already applied will automatically transfer to the new online system and PTV will let each family know of next steps, including their username and password.
- Existing school bus users will keep their current travel conditions. However, if a student changes school or residential address, then a new application must be submitted and will be assessed against all School Bus Program policy criteria.

PTV will share more information about the new **School Bus Management System** as we approach the commencement of Term 1 2019.

For information of the School Bus Program policy, please go to <https://goo.gl/HHRN3R>

If you have any questions, please contact your school bus coordinator.

