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Dear families,

This letter is to provide you with information regarding travel options to and from Catherine McAuley College in 2022.

NEW CMC Charter Service

Catherine McAuley College will be introducing a **NEW service in 2022**. This service will be run directly by the College for students in the areas of Axe Creek, Emu Creek, Eppalock, Mandurang, Sedgwick, Strathfieldsaye and Junortoun. It will provide support to the country services in these areas and allow a direct route to the Junortoun campus. Please refer to the attached letter and complete the expression of interest form by no later than **Wednesday 17 November**. Students that meet eligibility and acceptance criteria will only travel on this service and will no longer be eligible for the Country Service that they may be currently travelling on. Further information is available on the College website or contact the College Bus Coordinator, Mrs Bekk Tyrrell: btyrrell@cmc.vic.edu.au.

Urban Travellers

The **2022 PTV Student ID and Student Pass Application form** will be available early January and will be located on the College website. This form is required for new Year 7 students and any new student to the College that will be travelling to and from the College on the Urban School Network. For further information please refer to our [College website Transport page](#).

Country Bus Travellers

Please find attached the 2022 quick reference guide for new travellers, and bus information for new enrolments. All families that have students in Years 7 and 10 in 2022 are required to apply for travel through the [School Bus Management System](#) prior to **Friday 26 November 2021**.

New automated process: Families that have students in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 **and** who are current travellers will now be renewed automatically in the system in 2022, but you will be required to accept the offer during December 2021. If you are a term-based traveller, an application must be completed each term and term fees paid.

Applications are now open for new enrolments or students changing campuses; to avoid being wait-listed please apply as soon as possible. All travel allocations for 2022 will be sent in mid-December, so please ensure you log in to your account and accept this offer.

For further information please refer to our [College website Transport page](#).

If you have any other questions regarding bus travel, please contact Bekk Tyrrell on btyrrell@cmc.vic.edu.au or contact the College on 5445 9100.

Kind regards

Bekk Tyrrell
Bus Coordinator

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Dear Parents/Carers

Catherine McAuley College has undertaken a full review of our bus travellers across all areas. As a result of this review we have identified a number of areas that require a review from Public Transport Victoria.

The College has more than 400 students that utilise the Country bus System and approximately 1200 students that use school special routes and the urban systems to be transported to both our Coolock and St Marys Campuses. Many of our country bus travellers are travelling up to 2 hours a day to arrive/depart our Coolock Campus.

A result from the review of our bus systems we would like to inform our community that the College will provide a more direct route to our Coolock site via a private charter service. These areas will include Strathfieldsaye, Junortoun, Mandurang, Emu Creek, Sedgwick and Eppalock.

The many benefits of obtaining a direct route to our Coolock Campus from these areas, would alleviate the current strain on one of the most complexed networks in Victoria. A decrease in the time travel for our students from 2 hours a day to potentially only ½ hour -1 hour which is the best outcome for our travellers.

Catherine McAuley College is currently an interchange for a number of services within the network and believe we have the potential to become a larger partner in the interchange options. The College has a current Masterplan that indicates all year levels 7-12 will be based at our Coolock Campus in the coming years.

Catherine McAuley College would like to be part of the solution of the many changes ahead in the network. The College would like to offer you to complete an expression of interest form [CMC Charter Service 2022 Expression of Interest Form](#) that will be considered by the College for eligibility for the 2022. Upon eligibility and acceptance from the College for this new service we would redirect the Conveyance Allowance fees for the successful students to go towards covering the costs of these charters and this would be a free service to all families.

If you require further information please contact the College Bus Co Ordinator by calling 5445 9100, or via email bturrell@cmc.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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