



TIS Busing Community Collective

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Dear Parent/Caregiver

The TIS Busing Community Collective is a partnership between the local NZ Police Community Constable, Mana Coach Services, and Tawa Intermediate School. The aim of this partnership is to preserve student safety when travelling between home and school, by addressing unacceptable and dangerous behaviours on the bus route.

The group has been formed in light of a series of serious behavioural incidents involving students from Tawa Intermediate School when travelling on the bus route between home and school, and signifies a commitment from all parties in the community collective to work together for better behavioural outcomes.

The TIS Busing Community Collective has implemented a behavioural management plan. This plan has been outlined to all bus students at Tawa Intermediate School by the deputy principals. Here are the details of the plan:

1. **BEHAVIOURAL WARNING** Letter (Minor Incident). This will be issued by the collective in the event of a minor behavioural problem occurring on the bus route, based on bus driver reports or school/police investigation into a complaint.
2. **BUS BAN**. In the event of a serious incident or repeat minor incident on the bus route, Mana Coach Services will invoke its right to refuse passage and a bus ban will be issued by the collective. The ban will be for the duration of five school days. Bans issued for serious incidents will also involve a visit to the student's home from the police.
3. **REPEAT BUS BAN**. The collective will, without warning, issue a second bus ban to students for an incident (minor or serious) if the student has previously served a bus ban. A repeat bus ban remains in place (indefinitely) until the police have visited the student's home and discussed any return date to the bus for the child with the collective.

We appreciate your support in helping make travel to and from school as safe as possible for all students.

Kind regards

On behalf of the TIS Busing Community Collective

Constable Peter Reeves (NZ Police)
Geoff Norman (CEO, Mana Coach Services)
Keith Rickard (Tawa Intermediate School)