

3 December 2025



Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to make you aware of changes to the bus services beginning next year.

NEW SCHOOL BUS STOP 2026

I have negotiated with CDC buses and Translink to have our bus stop moved from its current location (in front of the Executive office building) to the secondary car park bus bay. The reason for this is to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

The current location has no undercover area or fence between the footpath and where the buses pull in. It is also a public footpath which mean our students often need to move to let bikes and other pedestrian traffic through the area.

The new location provides our students with shelter, accessible toilets and drinking water and is away from where the buses pull in. It is located within the school grounds, away from the public.

Primary students who arrive via bus in the morning will be dropped off at the secondary car park bus bay and they will walk across the Rainforest Bridge to the primary campus, following the normal before school routine.

In the afternoons primary students will meet outside of the Client Services building where they will be met by a staff member and walked across to the secondary bus bay, under the SL building (refer to the map).

Primary students are requested to go straight to the meeting area outside Client Services when they are dismissed from the class at 2.45pm.

2026 SCHEDULE BUS TIMES

	2025		2026	
	AM Arrival	PM Departure	AM Arrival	PM Departure
5513	7:50AM	3:25PM	NO CHANGE	
5541	8:03AM	3:30PM	NO CHANGE	
5550	8:00AM	3:25PM	NO CHANGE	
5551	8:35AM	3:20PM	NO CHANGE	
5552	8:20AM	3:20PM	NO CHANGE	
5553	8:20AM	3:10PM	8:15AM	3:15PM
5554	8:25AM	3:10PM	8:20AM	3:15PM

Please refer to the CDC letter attached to this correspondence for more information.

NEW DROP OFF ZONE

The current bus stop outside of the Executive building will be re-designated as a drop off zone for parents to use in the morning and afternoons. This now gives our parents the option of using one of the three drop off zones available at our school in 2026. Please refer to the map attached.

CDC BUS PASS AND HELPFUL TIPS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Please refer to the letter attached.

Please contact the school administration if you need any further information.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' and 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

Tony Roberts
College Director

19 November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Please be reminded that **all** students using CDC School bus services are expected to show a STAS bus pass to the driver or tap a *go* card upon boarding and disembarking the bus.

Why is this important?

- It helps us accurately count how many students are on each bus.
- It ensures we can plan the services that are needed for your school.
- It helps keep passenger numbers safe and comfortable for everyone.



For eligibility information and to apply for a STAS bus pass for the 2026 School Year please visit <https://cdcqueensland.com.au/bus-services/school-transport-assistance-scheme> or scan this QR code.

When applying:

- Select **CDC SUNSHINE COAST** as your Bus Operator
- For any technical issues with your online application, please contact STASdigital.Helpdesk@tmr.qld.gov.au or 1300 119 289.

Please note if your child already holds a bus pass for the 2025 school year, a new application is only required if they are:

- (a) Starting at a new school or campus in 2026
- (b) Moving into Year 7 at their current school in 2026
- (c) Changing residential addresses during 2026.

STAS school bus passes for approved applications for the 2026 school year will be delivered to your student's school in bulk at the start of the school year. Our drivers understand that students may not have their passes for the beginning of Term 1, 2026, and a "grace period" will be determined.

Late bus pass applications (submitted after 31 December 2025) may take four to six weeks to process, and the bus pass may need to be collected from our Kunda Park depot (11 Page Street, Kunda Park QLD 4556).

If your student is not eligible for a STAS school bus pass, you will need to purchase and regularly top up a TransLink *go* card for their travel on our services.

To obtain a *go* card please visit <https://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card> or scan this QR Code. Fares are only 50 cents per journey using a *go* card.

For further information please contact **CDC Sunshine Coast** by phone **07 5476 6622** or email info.sunshinecoast@cdcbus.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Meek

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Office Manager – CDC Sunshine Coast
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19 November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers & Students of Meridan State College

Re: CDC Sunshine Coast School Bus Service Changes Term 1 2026

Changes to some Sunshine Coast school bus services will be introduced from the start of Term 1 2026 from **Tuesday 27 January 2025**.

Based on a request by Meridan State College to remove all services from the Junior campus bus bays, **all CDC School Bus services will be utilising the bus bays in the Senior campus carpark.**

Please refer to the table below for more summarised changes that affect Meridan State College

Route #	AM/PM	Change Type	Detailed Description
5503	AM	Modify Route	Will no longer transfer to the 5552 at Baringa State Secondary College. Affected students to transfer to the 5552 at Unity College at 8AM.
5503	PM	Modify Route	Will no longer transfer to the 5552 at Baringa State Secondary College. Affected students to transfer to the 5552 at Unity College at 15:40PM.
5551	AM	Modify Route	Extended to/from Kawana. No longer servicing Caloundra State School.
5551	PM	Modify Route	Extended to/from Kawana. No longer servicing Caloundra State School.
5552	AM	Modify Route	Transfers from 5503 moved to Unity College.
5552	PM	Modify Route	Transfers to 5503 moved to Unity College.
5553	AM	Modify Route	Minor timing changes.
5553	PM	Modify Route	Minor timing changes.
5554	AM	Modify Route	Minor timing changes.
5554	PM	Modify Route	Minor timing changes.

Timetables will be updated and available to view on the Translink Journey Planner over the school holidays. Please scan the QR Code for summarised changes and links to timetables.

For further general information please contact **CDC Sunshine Coast** by Phone **07 5476 6622** or Email info.sunshinecoast@cdcbus.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Meek

Emily Meek, Office Manager – CDC Sunshine Coast



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Helpful tips for parents and guardians

When it's time for your child to start travelling independently, it's important to plan ahead and do a practice run.



Plan



- Plan the journey in advance to confirm route and stop location. Check for service updates before your child travels.
- Use the journey planner to identify other services your child can use in case they miss their regular service.
- Discuss safety when travelling alone.
- Familiarise yourself with the Code of Conduct, and ensure your child understands their responsibility as a passenger.
- Make sure they have the correct ticket, student ID, and are wearing their uniform.
- Provide your child with a way to contact you, should they need to.

Practice

- Walk to and from the stop, so your child is familiar with their surroundings.
- Arrive a few minutes early (5 minutes is best).
- If catching a bus, teach your child to stand at a safe distance to hail the bus as it approaches.
- Identify which stop to get off at and when to ring the bell.
- Practice touching on and off with their go card.



Helpful tips for students



Getting to and from school

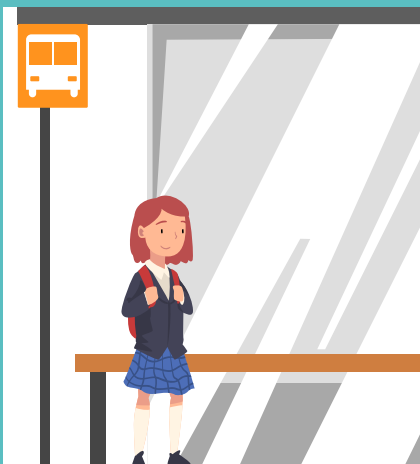
- Make sure you have your ticket, student ID, and are wearing your uniform.
- Arrive at the bus stop, ferry terminal, tram or train station a few minutes early (about 5 minutes is best).
- If you're catching a bus, raise your hand when you see it approaching, to signal the driver to stop. Hailing the bus early gives the driver time to stop safely and smoothly.

Safety for you and your friends

- Please don't distract the driver while travelling, they need to concentrate on their job.
- Keep your belongings in your bag, so you don't lose them.
- Stay in your seat and don't yell.
- Consider other passengers and their right to have a safe and comfortable journey too.



If a service doesn't stop



- Contact your parent/guardian immediately to tell them you have missed your service.
- Never, under any circumstances, accept a ride from a stranger.
- If you decide to board the next service, wait in a safe place.
- If you decide to leave the bus/train/ferry/tram stop, tell your parent/guardian.
- If you are concerned for your safety, call the police on 000.