



# Ōtūmoetai College Rural Buses

If there is a public transport stop (School Hopper or Bay Hopper) within 2.4km's of a student's place of residence, then they are not eligible to use the rural school bus system.

**In Tauranga this effectively means that anyone within the urban area must use the school or Bay Hopper public transport system.**

This is free for school students in uniform on school days before 9am and between 2.30-6.30pm. This applies to all dedicated school services and Bayhopper services, excluding Te Puke, Katikati and Ōmokoroa services.

Information on bus numbers, routes and pick up times can be found on the [Bay Bus website](#).

## **If you are ELIGIBLE for a Rural Bus**

If you live in a rural area and are eligible for a rural bus you can check bus numbers, routes and pick up times on the Tauranga Transport Network website [www.schooltransport.org.nz](http://www.schooltransport.org.nz)

Temporary bus passes will be issued to new students who are eligible at the start of the year. There will be a meeting for students where this information is checked.

Permanent bus passes will be issued as soon as a student ID cards are processed. Students are expected to carry their bus passes when using the bus.

Buses leave from the bus bay in front of Ōtūmoetai College at 3.25 so students need to be prompt.

Any questions or problems can be directed to the school:

Ring 576 2316 and ask for Mr McGregor ext 741.