



Albany Heights

061

School

Bus

INFORMATION

There are two bus services dropping off/collecting students from Albany Primary School—061 Albany Heights and 062 Unsworth Heights.

In the morning, students exit the bus and immediately enter school grounds. No are able to staff assist in this process.

The class teacher needs to be advised well in advance if your child is catching the school bus as in the afternoon, children are released from class at the 2.50pm bus bell and line up outside the school office. If there is a change on the day please communicate through the office. Two staff members assist students to walk together to the school bus.

Please be aware that there are no adults on the school bus service apart from the driver whose sole responsibility and focus is to drive the bus.

All students catching the school bus need to:

- know which bus service they are using—061.
- have completed a “Bus Expectations and Agreement” form (available from the school office), which is signed by parents/caregivers and students.
- know what stop they get off the bus.
- have an AT-HOP card and know that they need to tag on and off the school bus. No cash is accepted. Cards are available from bus stations. When registering the card, ensure your child’s date of birth is noted to be charged student fees.

For any queries regarding the bus service contact the school office—phone 09) 415 9668 or email admin@albany.school.nz

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR BUS USERS

This forms part of our Bus Users Agreement—by signing the Agreement parents/caregivers are automatically on our bus email list.

I will model and show Respect and Aroha and Caring by:

- talking politely to other students, not swearing or hurting anyone
- respecting other students and their property at all times
- not throwing anything inside or out of the bus
- not distracting the driver by yelling or running up and down the bus
- saying ‘please’ and ‘thankyou’ when talking to the driver and hopping on and off
- listening to and respecting the bus drivers’ instructions
- not damaging anything on the bus, and any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for costs of repairs
- following the bus rules and not eating on the bus.

I will model and show Excellence by:

- remaining in my seat for the whole journey and not standing up or moving around
- not copying the behaviour of other students if I know that it is not ok
- setting an example to other children for the right way to behave when travelling on the bus
- turning up on time to catch the bus.

I will model and show Honesty by:

- letting the bus driver, bus monitors, my parents or the teacher in charge of buses know if something has happened that is not ok
- being honest if I have made a bad decision on the bus and be prepared to talk about it truthfully with the teacher or bus driver.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

If this agreement is broken:

- There will be a meeting with the child and the teacher in charge of the buses to discuss the behaviour choice and appropriate next steps. Parents will be informed of the event.
- After a warning, if there is no improvement in the behaviour, an interview will be arranged between the student, caregiver(s), and school.
- If there is still no improvement, the privilege to travel on the school bus will be withdrawn, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to ensure they are meeting their legal obligation to get their child to school.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus could be withdrawn immediately.

Please note that the 061 bus also collects students from Albany Junior High and Albany Senior High Schools.

The 061 bus service has two buses operating in the afternoon. All APS students go on the same bus.

The bus will stop at official bus stops only. The driver needs to be hailed (waved down) at the morning bus stops.

061 : ALBANY HEIGHTS TO ALBANY SCHOOLS

Departs:	7.40am
Operator:	Ritchies Transport
Serving:	Albany Junior High, Albany Primary , Albany Senior High
Route:	5 The Avenue, The Avenue, Hobson Road, Dairy Flat Highway, Albany Heights Road, Gills Road, Dairy Flat Highway, Albany Highway, Albany Senior High School, Appleby Road, Albany Junior High School, Appleby Road, Albany Highway, Bass Road, Albany Primary School Bus Bay
Notes:	Last updated by Auckland Transport 10 October 2018

061 : ALBANY SCHOOLS TO ALBANY HEIGHTS

Departs:	3.15pm, 3:16pm
Operator:	Ritchies Transport
Serving:	Albany Junior High, Albany Primary , Albany Senior
Route:	Albany Primary School Bus Bay , Bass Road, Albany Highway, Appleby Road, Albany Junior High School, Appleby Road, Albany Highway, Albany Senior High, Dairy Flat Highway, Gills Road, Albany Heights Road, Dairy Flat Highway, Hobson Road, The Avenue, Dairy Flat Highway by The Avenue
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