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**REMINDER: BUS CHANGES FOR STUDENTS IN GISBORNE**

This is a courtesy reminder about the recent changes to Gisborne’s bus network, which impact your school community.

From 15 December 2024:

* Routes 473 and 474 became routes 73 and 74, and formed a new two-way bus loop around Gisborne, with passengers able to catch a bus in either direction.
* The new two-way bus loop (routes 73 and 74) replaced The Gisborne Town School Special. Bus timetables are coordinated to align with bell times for some schools.
* The bus loop provides bus services to more schools and residential areas in Gisborne, with Willowbank Primary School included in the new two-way bus loop and connected to public transport for the first time. For students and staff this means more seats during school travel times with buses travelling in both directions around the town.
* Additional information was provided to schools to share directly with Term 4 school bus passholders before the end of the school year.

We would appreciate your assistance in informing your school community of the changes, we’ve included suggested wording on the following page that can be used in your school newsletter or other communication tools.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact [community@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:community@transport.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.ptv.vic.gov.au/gisborne](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/gisborne)

Yours sincerely

Network Service Change Team

Department of Transport and Planning

**Bus Changes for Students in Gisborne**

Since 15 December 2025, new bus routes have been introduced in Gisborne, providing improved coverage for schools and residential areas. These changes include updates to the Gisborne Town School Special.

The Gisborne Town School Special and routes 473 and part of 474 have merged into a new two-way bus loop (routes 73 and 74). More students will be able to catch the bus to school with buses travelling in both directions around the town.

All schools previously serviced by the Gisborne Town School Special will continue to be covered by the new public routes. Willowbank Primary School will be connected to public transport for the first time and Holy Cross Primary School will be covered by an extension to the two-way bus loop at the start and end of the school day.

Students can continue to travel to school by bus on the new two-way bus loop, with timetables coordinated with bell times for some schools.

Students can purchase tickets as needed, including daily, weekly or monthly passes, creating more flexibility for students and families. Children and school students have access to concession fares, and children aged 16 and under are not required to carry proof of age.

Students with a 2024 Term 4 school bus pass have been provided with travel passes for the 2025 school year. If you have any questions, please email [community@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:community@transport.vic.gov.au).

These changes have been made to better reflect the needs of the growing Gisborne area. Maps and detailed timetables will be available on the PTV website.

For more information, please visit [www.ptv.vic.gov.au/gisborne](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/gisborne)