

Korakonui School Bus Costs for 2026

As a member of the Te Awamutu Bus Network, Korakonui School is required to implement the regulations of this Network Group. These apply to all schools in the Te Awamutu district.

Your child's eligibility for the Korakonui bus service, is determined by your physical address. This means that any student who is outside the TEZ, is ineligible to travel on the Korakonui School bus and will be required to pay a bus tag fee each term. Ineligibility is defined as:

- Students Years 1-8 living within 3.2kms of school
- Students Years 9-13 living within 4.8kms of school
- Students living outside the Korakonui School Transport Entitlement Zone (eg: living closer to another school than Korakonui School)

If your child/ren is/are ineligible, they can use the existing Korakonui bus system by paying an ineligible student bus tag fee each term.
The Bus tag fee cost is \$110 **per child, per term.**

Transport Eligibility Zone - A Transport Eligibility Zone (TEZ) is used to determine what is the closest school for students. Ministry-funded school bus routes are designed to run within TEZs. Most boundaries are set at the half-way point (by road) between schools of the same type i.e. between state secondary schools. If a school has students that range between Years 1-13, then they may have multiple TEZs (as different year levels have different distance criteria to meet and there may be different types of schools in the area).

The difference between an Enrolment Zone and a Transport Eligibility Zone is in how the boundaries of the two zones is set. School enrolment zones are geographically defined areas around schools. They are designed to prevent schools from becoming overcrowded.

Ineligible students - In some situations, students who aren't eligible for school transport assistance may be able to access a Ministry-funded school bus service, at the discretion of the transport provider.

This is a private arrangement between transport providers and caregivers. The Ministry cannot require any of its providers to carry ineligible students.

Transport providers can only carry ineligible students if:

- no eligible students are disadvantaged, and all students (both eligible and ineligible) are seated
- prior written consent has been obtained from any schools that are being bypassed by the ineligible student
- the vehicle does not deviate from the contracted route to pick up ineligible students
- the ineligible students and their caregivers are advised of the conditions of transportation and acknowledge these conditions in writing.

The transport provider may charge ineligible students a fare. The provider determines the amount and method of payment.