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## Napier and Hastings Commercial School Bus Services Update

Dear Schools / Parents / Caregivers,

On behalf of Tranzit, we hope you are well as the end of Term 2 fast approaches.

We appreciate your ongoing support and would like to provide you an update on the school bus service your child currently uses.

These services are commercial school bus services, run privately by Tranzit. In New Zealand, privately owned commercial school bus services are relatively uncommon due to various reasons impacting their financial sustainability and operational stability. For example, unlike Ministry of Education school bus services or Regional Council school bus services, privately owned commercial school bus services are not subsidised by government funding of any kind, proving ever more challenging with increasing costs. In addition, the fluctuating daily usage by students, some utilising the service 2-3 times a week or less, results in inconsistent patronage and revenue. This inconsistency poses difficulties in covering operational costs and maintaining the quality of service.

We have recently undertaken a further review of our commercial school bus services and based on the current fare revenue and patronage numbers contribution, unfortunately they are still not sustainable or commercially viable.

Please see the following price adjustment required from Term 3.

**Price Adjustment:** Effective Term 3 2024

Fare Type	Current	New
Cash Fare	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
10 Trip	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Term Pass	<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>

**Proposed consolidation of services:** Effective Term 4, 2024

Historically, Term 4 sees a significant decline in passenger numbers. Subject to patronage numbers and service commercial viability we may consider consolidating the following routes. Impacted Commercial School Bus Services	
Consolidate from 3 down to 2 services	Consolidate from 3 down to 2 services
#17 Taradale to Napier Girls High	#22 Taradale to Napier Boys High
#18 Greenmeadows West to Napier Girls High	#23 Tamatea to Napier Boys High
#19 Tamatea/Greenmeadows to Napier Girls High	#24 Greenmeadows to Napier Boys High

If consolidation these routes does proceed, updated route maps and timetable will be given during Term 3.

If you have any questions, feedback or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact us directly. Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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