

# Department of State Growth

PASSENGER TRANSPORT DIVISION

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Parents of students using Crayfish Creek and Edgcumbe Beach School Buses

Dear Parents,

## Proposed Merger of Crayfish Creek and Edgcumbe Beach School Buses

The Department of State Growth has responsibility for contracting school bus services across Tasmania. To ensure that the contracted bus services are viable, the Department regularly monitors the passenger numbers on each service.

The passenger numbers on the Crayfish Creek and Edgcumbe Beach buses is at a level where it may be possible to operate a single service, using a larger vehicle. Given this, we are proposing to merge these two services into a single service, commencing as early as the start of 2018 school year. Note: The two existing services will continue to operate for the remainder of the 2017 school year.

Students travelling from Edgcumbe Beach to Forest Primary will continue to have this service through a transfer from the Edgcumbe beach bus onto the Mawbanna to Forest Primary service at a suitable, safe interchange point on the Bass Highway.

There may also be some students who need to travel a bit further from their home to the nearest bus stop on the new route. However, if the services are merged into a single service at the end of the year, any parent who has a student living further than five kilometres from the new route, or from the school, is able to apply for Conveyance Allowance. Conveyance Allowance helps families in meeting some of the costs of transporting students to school in a private car.

Attached is a copy of the indicative timetables for the proposed services.

Before a final decision is made in regard to the future of the service, I wish to give all affected parents/students the opportunity to provide feedback. If you wish to provide any comment/feedback please contact me on 6166 3296 by the 8th November 2017.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Kruup  
POLICY ANALYST (PROJECT 2018)

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**Proposed Timetable – Edgcumbe Beach to Smithton**

<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>AM Estimated Arrival Time</b>	<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>PM Estimated Arrival Time</b>
Edgcumbe Beach	7:45	Smithton Primary School	3:00
Bass Highway/ Hellyer Beach (Shelter Shed)	7:49	Smithton High School	3:08
Bass Highway/ Pebbly Road	7:51	Transfer with Mawbanna Bus	3:30
19535 Bass Highway/ Detention Shop	7:52	Bass Highway/ Medwins Rd	3:35
Bass Highway/ Edgcumbe Beach		Bass Highway/ Crayfish Creek	3:40
Bass Highway/ Crayfish Creek	7:57	Bass Highway/ Edgcumbe Beach	3:42
Bass Highway/ Medwins Rd	8:03	19535 Bass Highway/ Detention Shop	3:47
Transfer with Mawbanna Bus	8:05	Bass Highway/ Pebbly Road	3:46
Smithton High School	8:29	Bass Highway/ Hellyer Beach (Shelter Shed)	3:44
Smithton Primary School	8:36	Edgcumbe Beach	3:51

**Proposed Timetable - Mawbanna to Forest Primary via Mengha**

<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>AM Estimated Arrival Time</b>	<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>PM Estimated Arrival Time</b>
64 Wrights Road	7:35	Forest Primary School	2:47
2282 Mawbanna Rd	7:37	Ainslie's Road	2:53
1853 Mawbanna Road	7:44	303 South Road	2:57
1719 Mawbanna Rd	7:46	Sampsons Road	2:59
Etchells Road	7:47	South road/Faheys Lane	3:02
1414 Mawbanna Rd	7:50	334 South Road	3:03
Mawbanna Turn Off	8:03	148 South Road	3:06
Transfer Bass Highway	8:05	1000 Mengha Road	3:08
Wiltshire Turn Off	8:10	908 Backline Road	3:15
908 Backline Road	8:11	Wiltshire Turn Off	3:16
Forest Primary School	8:15	Transfer Bass Highway	3:39
Ainslie's Road	8:20	Mawbanna Turn Off	3:35
303 South Road	8:25	1414 Mawbanna Rd	3:49
Sampsons Road	8:26	Etchells Road	3:52
South road/Faheys Lane	8:27	1719 Mawbanna Rd	3:53
334 South Road	8:30	1853 Mawbanna Road	3:55
148 South Road	8:31	2282 Mawbanna Rd	4:02
1000 Mengha Road	8:35	64 Wrights Road	4:05
Forest Primary School	8:40		