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To whom it may concern

Re: Easter school holidays and school transport services

Due to the Easter holiday period, school bus services will not operate to either state or independent schools between Friday 15 April and Tuesday 26 April 2011, as these are school holiday dates as part of term dates set for all Queensland state schools.

There are instances where independent schools operate under school terms which differ from gazetted state school term dates. On these non-gazetted dates, school bus services will not run and parents should organise alternative transport to and from school for these dates. Regular TransLink services will operate as normal.

To help inform your students and parents of the above, please find enclosed some information that can be circulated to parents, posted on your website or emailed.

The Queensland Government provides subsidies of approximately $160 million per year for student travel on school services across the state. The priority for funding is to enable students to travel to their nearest state school and only on dates which align to the Education Queensland gazetted school holidays.

Unfortunately, TransLink is not funded to accommodate individual independent school term dates where these differ from state school term dates. We are willing to liaise with affected schools to arrange extra services during these periods, however costs will need to be met by the schools who have requested the additional services.

To organise additional bus services please contact your local bus operator to discuss private charter arrangements.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact (07) 3338 4432.

Regards,

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Notice to parents

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To find out which regular TransLink services operate to your child’s school, please visit translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30 any time.