Bus travel is one of the safest ways to travel to school. But, sometimes, accidents can happen.

Important safety concerns for students include:
- Crossing roads immediately in front of, or behind, the bus after getting off
- Crossing before the bus has moved well away from the bus stop
- Being distracted around bus stops by mobile phones, music players and other children

We are asking schools to teach students how to STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK to help reduce the risk of accidents around bus stops.

Stop Well back from the edge of the road and wait for the bus to leave
Look In all directions for approaching traffic after the bus has gone. Make sure you have a clear view of the road
Listen In all directions for approaching traffic
Think About when it is safe to cross, only cross when the road is clear.

Schools will be provided with resources to help pass on this important safety message.

Bus safety...we ALL have a role to play.

For more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au/staybussafe

A Victorian Government Initiative
Do your students know how to stay safe when getting off the school bus?

Students should:

- Never cross the road in front of, or behind, the bus.
- Understand that it’s only safe to think about crossing once the school bus has gone and when they have a clear view of the road in both directions.
- Never wear earphones or talk on their mobile phone when trying to cross the road. They may not notice approaching traffic.
- Look in all directions for approaching traffic – right and left and behind if they are crossing at an intersection.
- Understand that vehicles may be travelling at high speed and therefore take longer to stop. Students, especially younger students, may not be very good at judging the speed and distance of approaching traffic.
- Look at the road and listen for traffic.
- Understand that it’s important to keep looking and listening for approaching traffic while crossing.

Parents or carers should wait for students on the same side of the road as the bus and to meet their children at the bus stop. This reduces the risk of distracted and excited students running across the road.

Parents should park thoughtfully and carefully. They must keep the area around the bus stop clear so students can see any approaching traffic.