



Our ref: MC36651

Your ref: Petitions

5 June 2008

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 2 May 2008 regarding petition no. 1028-08 requesting an afternoon direct school bus service from Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill to The Gap/Ashgrove/Bardon/Red Hill areas and a direct morning and afternoon bus service for students attending All Hallows' School.

The Queensland Government's priority for school service funding is to enable students to travel to the nearest state school. Regrettably, the Queensland Government is unable to fund direct services to all facilities, schools or destinations.

In line with Queensland Transport's school transport policy, services beyond the nearest state school are discretionary and based on the viability of the service. Funding for school services is extremely tight and unfortunately, there is no funding currently available to provide the direct school services requested by the petitioners.

Currently, the Queensland Government subsidises student travel to approximately \$150 million per annum. The choice to attend other than the local school is supported. However, it must be assumed that parents consider available transport when choosing a school for their children.

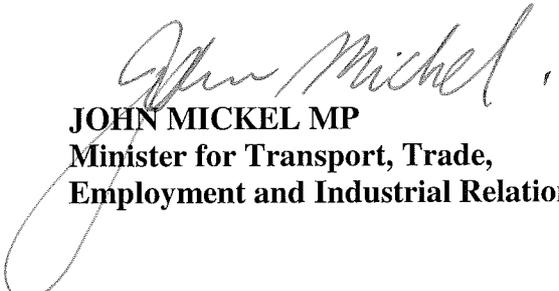
I am advised that here are currently a number of services available for students travelling from the western suburbs to schools along Gregory Terrace and Ann Street as shown following:

School	Area	Route No
All Hallows	Bardon	<u>Morning and Afternoon:</u> Catch route 375
	The Gap	<u>Morning:</u> Catch routes 380 or 381, and transfer in the city to any bus travelling via Adelaide Street to Fortitude Valley. Bus approx. every 2 minutes. <u>Afternoon:</u> Catch route 380 stop 219 at 3.26pm (service extended from Wickham Terrace) Catch route 381 at stop 220 at 3.32pm (service extended from Wickham Terrace)
	Ashgrove/Red Hill	<u>Morning and Afternoon:</u> Catch route 379 <u>Afternoon:</u> Catch route 380 at stop 219 at 3.26pm (service extended from Wickham Terrace) Catch route 381 at stop 220 at 3.32pm (service extended from Wickham Terrace)
Brisbane Boys and Girls Grammar School	Bardon	<u>Morning and Afternoon:</u> Catch route 375 and change at Roma Street to any Northern Busway service and alight at Normanby Busway Station. Catch route 375 and change at Adelaide Street (City Hall) to route 923
	The Gap/Ashgrove/Red Hill	<u>Morning:</u> Catch route 740 or 379 <u>Afternoon:</u> Catch route 379, 926 or 927
Gregory Terrace/St Joseph's School	Bardon	<u>Morning and Afternoon:</u> Catch route 375 from Bowen Bridge Road stops (NB walk distance is less than from Brunswick Street Station)
	The Gap/Ashgrove/Red Hill	<u>Morning:</u> Catch route 740 or route 385 from Roma Street station or King George Square station <u>Afternoon:</u> Catch route 385 from Roma Street station or King George Square station *Commencing 19 May:- Catch route 381 at stop 7 outbound on Gregory Terrace at 3.17pm. This bus also services All Hallows at 3.32pm.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Please table this response for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Transport, Trade,
Employment and Industrial Relations