

## **Bus Fare Increase**

The Department of State Growth – Passenger Transport has advised that effective January 2022 the Student/Child cash fare will increase from \$1.80 to \$1.90. Students catching a dedicated school bus can purchase a sheet of 10 tickets for \$15.20 which is a saving of 20 percent.

The Smartcard discounted fare will also increase from \$1.44 to \$1.52. Smartcards are only available to those students who travel on a public bus.

Some students are eligible for free travel using a Student Bus Pass. Students can check or renew their eligibility by visiting www.transport.tas.gov.au/student

Since 2017 the Tasmanian Government's policy has been to increase the student fare by ten cents every second year, where an increase is supported by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

There has not been a student fare increase since 2019 because the fare increase scheduled for 2021 was deferred due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Merseylink

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