

# AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS (ACSSO)

The national voice of parents of students in Australia's public schools and their school communities

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### PARENTS WELCOME MOVES ON SAFETY FOR SCHOOL BUSES

The national parents and citizens body for public schools (ACSSO) has welcomed the Federal Government's \$40 million initiative to provide seat-belts on school buses in country areas.

ACSSO President Jenny Branch said that the national parents body had been campaigning for Federal Government involvement for more than four years.

"The Federal Government has responsibility for the Australian Design Rules which mandate the fitting of seat belts in all vehicles. We are very satisfied that the Government has responded to our requests," she said.

Ms Branch said that school students were entitled to the same safety standards that applied to adults travelling on tourist coaches.

"For years we have been campaigning for a Federal Government bus safety initiative which begins with high risk bus travel in country areas then progresses to school buses in Metropolitan areas," Ms Branch said.

Ms Branch called on all governments, state and Federal to work together to ensure that all students are provided with safe and comfortable bus travel.

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