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## **Media Release**

### **School bus travel breakthrough for parents**

The Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC) has used its annual conference in Toowoomba to announce to members the development of a ground-breaking technology to streamline the process of enrolling schoolchildren on school bus services.

QBIC executive director David Tape says among other things, the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) system will offer a better customer experience.

“The technology will enable parents to enrol their children for school bus services electronically, rather than filling out forms as they’ve had to do in the past.

“It will improve efficiency because parents will be advised in real time during the enrolment process whether their children are eligible for financial assistance via government subsidies.”

Mr Tape says the degree of subsidisation depends on a family’s geographic location and distance from a school.

“If they are not eligible, the system will provide parents with information about which school bus operators are available to them based on where they live.”

Queensland will become the second state in Australia, after New South Wales, to introduce the new online enrolment system.

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