



## EDEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Mobile communication devices have become an everyday part of our lives, however they have the potential to be used inappropriately and can create a range of problems relating to harassment, individuals' rights and privacy. Consequently Eden Hill had developed this policy to ensure that the chances of these problems occurring at school are minimised.

This policy also ensures that the school is meeting the requirements set out in the State Government new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy which came into effect from the start of Term 1, 2020. This policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period.

Parents/caregivers of students at Eden Hill Primary School can be assured that they will be contacted regarding any matters to do with their child if the need arises. Parents are also able to leave messages with the front office if a situation arises for which they need to contact their child or children.

The school would prefer that mobile devices were not brought to school as it is essential that all communication between the students and anyone outside the school, during the school day, is made with the full knowledge of the school.

We also understand that some families may want their child to have a mobile device available while they are travelling to and from school. If your child is going to have a mobile device then the following are the schools expectations

- ❖ Mobile phones/electronic devices should not be seen or heard within the school grounds.
- ❖ Mobile phones/electronic devices are the sole responsibility of the child while at school.
- ❖ Mobile phones/electronic devices will be confiscated if they are seen or heard. If this occurs more than once then parents will be requested to collect confiscated devices from the office.
- ❖ The school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones/electronic devices.

