



## **EUNICE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY (which includes Cell Phones)**

This policy takes into account the need for some learners to have cell phones at school as well as the distractions electronic devices can cause.

Learners may bring electronic devices to school, subject to the following conditions:

1. All devices may only be switched on before or after school. Cell phones may not be in “vibrate mode”, “silent mode,” or any other mode except fully “off” at times other than those mentioned here. The only exception to this is when a staff member gives a specific instruction.
2. No devices may be visible within the school building, except before and after school.
3. Learners making or receiving calls before or after school must do so outside the school building.
4. No electronic device may be used for public broadcasting of any kind. (i.e. you cannot listen to music on an electronic device without earphones.)
5. If electronic devices, which include cameras, are used for purposes contrary to the Code of Conduct, the matter will be dealt with in terms of the Code of Conduct.
6. Learners are solely responsible for the security of any electronic device(s) brought to school and accept that they bring the electronic device(s) to school at their own risk.
7. Accessories such as earphones may not be visible inside the school building and, if seen, will be confiscated for two weeks. The school bears no responsibility for the safekeeping of these items.
8. Should a learner contravene the regulations regarding electronic devices, then the cell phone will be confiscated and must be collected from a parent from the front administration office. If a cell phone is confiscated for the second time within a year, the parents will be contacted, and a request will be made to allow confiscation for up to three months.
9. Filming any other learner without their consent will be regarded as a Schedule Three offence on the school’s Code of Conduct and dealt with accordingly.
10. Being in possession of unacceptable content, such as pornography or gratuitous violence, will also be regarded as a Schedule Three offence on the school’s Code of Conduct and dealt with accordingly.

11. A member of staff has the right to search the contents of a cell phone in terms of the searching procedures as described in the South African Schools Act.