SAFETY

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted in school grounds at any time by any persons.

Playground Supervision
During both breaks in the school day, school staff members provide supervision of all eating and playing areas. Formal supervision is also provided before school from 8:30 am. The morning assembly points are under the Administration Block for years 1 & 2, years 3, 4, 5 Gathering area and years 6 & 7 Senior Eating area. Staff members are rostered to supervise children waiting for buses after school.

Badges – Identification
All school-based personnel have been issued with Eatons Hill State School identification badges or lanyards. While at the school, visitors and volunteers are required to wear the visitor’s pass given to them when signing in. Children should be wary of approaching any adult on campus who is not wearing an Eatons Hill State School identification badge. Parents are requested to reinforce this safety practice with their children.

Sun Protection
Eatons Hill is a sun safe school. Students are expected to wear hats at lunch time, for physical education lessons and when playing sport outdoors. A ‘no hat, no outside play’ rule applies in the school. Children are encouraged to wear sunscreen when participating in outdoor excursions and swimming lessons. Sunscreen is provided in each classroom.

Dogs on School Premises
For safety reasons, dogs are not permitted on school grounds before, during and after school. This rule is made in the interests of our duty of care responsibilities and the safety of the school grounds. If parents or children are accompanied by dog/s to school, the animal should not enter the school grounds and must remain under supervision, outside the school boundary. It is standard practice for stray dogs on school premises, or unsupervised tethered dogs outside the school grounds to be referred to the Council. We seek the cooperation of our school community in relation to this matter. (Please note that the only exceptions to this are dogs which have been specifically trained, or are being trained, as assistance dogs (eg Seeing Eye dogs). Appropriate letters of authorisation would need to be sighted in these circumstances).

Emergency Procedures
Each term, our school practices emergency evacuation and lockdown drills on a regular basis to ensure children and all staff are familiar with the procedures.

Fire Alarms
The fire warning is a continuously sounding bell or siren. An audio message via intercom may also be communicated to all classrooms. Without exception, everyone on the premises is to move as directed in an orderly manner to evacuate the buildings. All visitors should report in person to the area coordinator at the nearest assembly point.
**Lockdowns**
In situations due to dangers outside (e.g. violent storm, chemical spill, threatening situation), students, school staff and visitors are required to stay inside buildings and locked classrooms. Phone intercom and/or an intermittent bell ring will be used to advise personnel in all rooms of the need for Lockdown.

**Security Cameras**
Several parts of the school are equipped with security surveillance cameras. These cameras have been installed to improve safety for all persons onsite and to minimise risks of personal harm and property damage. The cameras have the capacity to record incidents. Stored images may be passed onto police to assist with relevant investigations.

**Adopt-A-Cop**
This is a valuable program where a Police Officer familiar with our school, visits our school on a regular basis and is available to present instruction in a wide range of topics for the teachers, including road safety and self-protective behaviours.

**Crossing Supervisors**
Pedestrian crossings in Marylin Terrace and Queen Elizabeth Drive are attended by Crossing Supervisors to provide safe access to and from school across these busy streets. The Supervisors are easily identified in their white and orange coats and are employed by the Queensland Department of Transport. All parents, teachers and children are expected to take heed of the Supervisors and to use the designated crossings.

The supervisors are authorized to report regularly to the School Administration on areas of concern and can report directly to the Department of Transport regarding breaches of the Traffic Act by drivers in relation to the School crossings.

**Self-protective Behaviours**
The message that children must never go with anybody they do not know, even though the person may seem friendly must be impressed upon children. This is regularly reinforced at school in classrooms, on assemblies and on special days like “Day for Daniel”. To avoid unnecessary risk, please be punctual in collecting your children from school, or pre-arrange for somebody else to collect them if you are unavailable. Children should wait inside the school grounds for their own protection. It is advisable for parents to establish a backup plan and discuss with their children what to do should the pre-arranged afternoon pickup time be delayed. If children become anxious or have waited significantly longer than usual, it would be appropriate for children to report to the office. Refer also “School Departure at the End of the Day”