**Message re a New Communication System**

Newstead College will be switching over to a new DECYP messaging platform for communicating with you. This will replace our current system which we have used to send text messages when your student was absent.

The new platform, called *EdSmart*, is an Australian platform which is designed to improve communication in school communities through both SMS and emails. For now, it will be used to manage messages about your student’s absences and replace our previous system. As previously, you will receive a SMS or email alert if your child is absent from school requesting a response.

Over time, the platform will be rolled out across all Tasmanian Government Schools and new features will be added.

You will receive a text message and/or an email with further details. Note, the text message sender will be a shortened version of our College name - please keep an eye out for it!

Further information is available on the Department’s website

[Communicating with your child's school - Department for Education, Children and Young People (decyp.tas.gov.au)](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.decyp.tas.gov.au%2Ffor-families%2Ftechnology-support%2Fcommunicating-with-your-childs-school%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cleanne.males%40decyp.tas.gov.au%7C356348ec8c894a0efc2a08dc26073886%7Ca9be3ac70c60491e8b3ba32f8f46aec8%7C0%7C0%7C638427059650098432%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wCcAjOd4tHoQNP5GtilCOHM5AokJ7qBOg7eKmkZ8cKU%3D&reserved=0)