

# Department of State Growth

PASSENGER TRANSPORT DIVISION

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Parents of students using Lileah and Edith Creek school buses

Dear Parents,

## Proposed Merger of Lileah and Edith Creek School Buses

The Department of State Growth has responsibility for contracting school bus services across Tasmania. As part of a recontracting process, the department has been reviewing bus services around the state to ensure that the contracted bus network meets school transport needs, is provided in a fair and equitable way across the state, and is sustainable.

This review has identified that the passenger numbers on the Lileah and Edith Creek buses is at a level where it appears possible to operate a single service for this area. Given this, and following discussions with the operator and the school, we are proposing to merge these two services into a single service, commencing at the start of the 2018 school year. Note: The two existing services will continue to operate for the remainder of the 2017 school year.

While the proposal to merge the existing services would mean that some students would have a slightly longer travel time, the longest travel times are still considered reasonable for primary school students. Students that are travelling to Edith Creek primary will be able to transfer onto the Smithton to Edith Creek service at Irishtown (620 Irishtown Rd).

There may also be some students who need to travel a bit further from their home to the nearest bus stop on the new route. However, if the services are merged into a single service at the end of the year, any parent who has a student living further than five kilometres from the new route, or from the school, is able to apply for Conveyance Allowance. Conveyance Allowance helps families in meeting some of the costs of transporting students to school in a private car.

Attached is a copy of the indicative timetables for the proposed services.

Before a final decision is made in regard to the future of the service, I wish to give all affected parents/students the opportunity to provide feedback. If you wish to provide any comment/feedback please contact me on 6166 3296 by the 8th November 2017.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Kruup  
POLICY ANALYST (PROJECT 2018)

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**Edith Creek to Smithton - Proposed Timetable**

<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>Estimated Arrival Time</b>	<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>Estimated Arrival Time</b>
Edith Creek Primary School	7:47	Smithton Primary School	2:56
2291 South Road	7:48	Smithton High School	3:07
2052 South Road	7:52	38 Irishtown Rd	3:14
South Road/Maguire's Rd	7:54	238 Irishtown Rd	3:16
South Road/Ralston's Rd	7:57	Purdy's Rd	3:18
1564 South Road	8:00	286 Irishtown Rd	3:19
1418 South Rd	8:01	Railway Lane/Kays Rd	3:22
1399 South Rd	8:03	581 Irishtown Rd	3:23
620 Irishtown Rd	8:13	606 Irishtown Rd	3:24
606 Irishtown Rd	8:14	620 Irishtown Rd	3:26
581 Irishtown Rd	8:15	1399 South Rd	3:36
Railway Lane/Kays Rd	8:16	1418 South Rd	3:37
286 Irishtown Rd	8:20	1564 South Road	3:39
Purdy's Rd	8:21	South Road/Maguire's Rd	3:42
238 Irishtown Rd	8:23	South Road/Ralston's	3:45
38 Irishtown Rd	8:25	2052 South Road	3:47
Smithton High School	8:30	2291 South Road	3:51
Smithton Primary School	8:38	Edith Creek Primary School	3:53

**Smithton to Edith Creek – Proposed Timetable**

<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>Estimated Time of Arrival</b>	<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>Estimated Time of Arrival</b>
Grant Steet – Smithton Primary School	7:46	Edith Creek School	3:01
Amos' Rd	7:56	Upper Scotchtown Rd	3:08
117 Fahey's Lane	7:57	39 Grooms Rd	3:11
267 Fahey's Lane	7:59	620 Irishtown Rd Arrive	3:14
Hardwick's Rd	8:00	620 Irishtown Rd Depart	3:27
Bourkes Rd	8:08	Bourkes Rd	3:28
620 Irishtown Rd Arrive	8:12	518 Irishtown Rd	3:31
620 Irishtown Rd Depart	8:14	Amos' Rd	3:33
39 Grooms Rd	8:15	117 Fahey's Lane	3:34
1171 Trowuta Rd	8:23	267 Fahey's Lane	3:35
Edith Creek School	8:25	Hardwick's Rd	3:37
		Grant Steet – Smithton Primary School	3:38

**Trowutta to Edith Creek – Proposed Timetable**

<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>Estimated Time of Arrival</b>	<b>Stop Location</b>	<b>Estimated Time of Arrival</b>
145 Roger River Rd	7:40	Edith Creek Primary School	3:05
1069 Roger River Rd	7:49	Maguires Rd	3:15
Armstrongs Rd	7:57	2221 Trowutta Rd	3:18
Roger River Mill/Trowutta Rd	8:00	Langley's Rd	3:19
2221 Trowutta Rd	8:08	2184 Trowutta Rd	3:21
Langley's Rd	8:12	Roger River Mill/Trowutta Rd	3:44
2184 Trowutta Rd	8:15	145 Roger River Rd	3:46
Edith Creek Primary School	8:26	Armstrongs Rd	3:50
		1069 Roger River Rd	3:58