

MOBILE PHONES

POLICY

Rationale:

- Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:

- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:

- The school will purchase and maintain enough mobile telephones and service contracts to satisfy its needs.
- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school's mobile phones or their own devices accompany each trip.
- Staff returning school mobile phones are responsible for ensuring that they are recharged.
- Mobile phones are not to be used for private calls, with the exception that staff are permitted to contact families or loved ones during overnight excursions or if an excursion is returning late.
- Staff personal mobile phones are to be left in the staff room through out the day.
- Students are not to use the school's mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
- Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless permission from the principal has been successfully sought by parents who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone.
- The school does not except responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- In the case of students bring mobile phones to school they are to be locked away for the duration of the day.
- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones (especially those that can take photos or video) to school.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school and on the bus, or causing a nuisance, will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones to school.
- Mobile phones owned by students and staff are brought to school at their own risk. The school's insurance cover will not compensate damaged, lost or stolen personal mobile phones.
- Students are encouraged not to take their mobile phones on excursions or overnight camp. Parents will be given school contact numbers for making contact during camp times.
- All parents & students are to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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