



MOBILE PHONES

Rationale

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

Aim

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 to satisfy its needs.
- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school's mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
- 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.
- Students are not to use the school's mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
- Staff will be kept informed of DEECD 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 accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- Student mobile phones must be handed to the classroom teacher at the commencement of the school day, stored safely, then handed back to the student at the end of the school day.
- Mobile phones and students using them must not cause disruptions to classes or individuals and must not cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal. Students are not to take photos or videos with their mobile phones.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school.
- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones into certain spaces or during certain activities eg: science rooms, exam rooms, technology rooms, physical education classes, change rooms etc.
- Mobile phones owned by students and staff are brought to school at their own risk.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.