



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 similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
- Staff using mobile phones are required to sign for them in the Borrowing Register.
- Staff returning mobile phones are responsible for ensuring that they are recharged
- 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 and Training 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.
- Where the Principal approves a student bringing a mobile phone to school, the phone must be kept as directed by the Principal during school hours.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.

Evaluation:

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

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

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