



# Mobile Phone / Electronic Devices

## POLICY

### AIM:

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

### RATIONALE:

Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, beneficial in providing a safe and effective school environment. The school acknowledges that in certain circumstances some students may need to carry a mobile phone. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

### IMPLEMENTATION:

- 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.
- Electronic devices (ipods, hand held games, etc.) are not to be brought to school.
- Students must not lend a mobile phone to another student for use as a phone, for text messaging or use as a camera or video recording device.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones and electronic devices.
- Students' mobile phones must not be brought to classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities. They must be left in school bags. They are only to be used prior to the student entering the school grounds or after they have left the school grounds.
- The Principal may revoke a student's permission to bringing a mobile phone to school.
- Students who break rules will be managed in accordance with the school's student Code of Conduct.
- Mobile phones owned by students are brought to school at their own risk.
- A *Mobile Phone Permission* form must be returned to the school, this will clearly state the reason for use.
- Parents who wish to contact students will be able to do so via the school office during school hours
- Parents who wish to contact students in Out of School Hours Care will be able to do so via the OSHC contact number.

### EVALUATION:

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

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

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