



STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY - 2017

RATIONALE

- Mobile phones are an important communication tool. Mobile phone cameras can enhance communication by making it easy for people to take and transmit images. These technologies however have the potential to be improperly used, lost or damaged and therefore must be effectively managed.

AIMS

- To provide a policy that respects the school's right to manage mobile phones so that the school's teaching and learning program and duty of care are not negatively affected.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Students are permitted to bring mobile phones to school as long as they adhere to the school's Mobile Phone Policy, as covered herein.
- Mobile phones brought to school are to be handed to the grade teacher, who will lock them away until the end of the school day. Student's mobile phones are not to be turned on between 9:00am and 3:30pm. Student mobile phones are not to be used at any time in the school grounds.
- The school recognises that parents and students may need to communicate by mobile phone. This can be done before school commences at 9:00am and after school finishes at 3:30pm but not in the school grounds. Between 9:00am and 3:30pm the school will contact parents if, and when, necessary and parents can contact the office when an important message has to be passed on to their child.
- Under no circumstances are mobile phones to be taken by students on any extracurricular school activities such as camps, sleepovers, excursions and school sporting events. Staff carry a mobile phone for all essential contact with the school, parents or emergency services.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at their owner's risk. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and will not pay for loss or damage.
- The school will not interrupt programs to investigate damage, loss or theft of mobile phones.
- Parents, staff and students are trusted to abide by this policy. Disciplinary action will be taken when mobile phones are used in ways that do not abide by this policy and school values. The Principal may revoke a student's permission to bring a phone onto the school premises.

EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed by the School Council as part of the school's regular review cycle.
- Next review due June 2020

This policy was last ratified by WHPS School Council in

June 2017