



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

OBJECTIVES:

- 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
- 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 unnecessarily and are to do so at their own risk and only under parental instruction
- Student's mobile phones must not be brought to classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities they must be handed into the office for safekeeping
- 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 to manage the issue
- The Principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school

EVALUATION:

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

This policy supports the Student Engagement Policy and should be read in conjunction with this.

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