



# MOBILE PHONES

## 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

- 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 will be kept informed of Department of Education information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- Student's mobile phones must be handed in at the office on arrival at school and collected prior to departure from school. They should not be stored in bags or lockers
- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones (especially those that can take photos or video) on excursions, camps and into certain spaces eg toilets, change rooms etc.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones whilst at school.
- Mobile phones owned by students and staff are brought to school at their own risk. The school's insurance cover will not compensate damaged, lost or stolen personal mobile phones.
- Staff must not take their mobile phones to the classroom during teaching sessions unless they are using the stadium, where it provides an emergency contact.

## EVALUATION

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



**Adopted by School Council – September 2012**