



McKinnon Primary School

Student Mobile Phone Policy

1. Rationale:

1.1. We realise that many parents/carers support and encourage their children to carry a mobile phone. A mobile phone can be of some use as a protection from danger on the way to and from school or when normal travel arrangements break down. They can also be useful for sports practice especially when exact times may vary. Mobile phones, however, can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and therefore must be effectively managed.

2. Aims:

2.1. To facilitate the benefits of student owned mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

3. Procedures:

3.1. Student use of mobile phones

- 3.1.1. Students are able to bring personal mobile phones to school for health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone.
- 3.1.2. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- 3.1.3. It is a parents'/carers' choice to send a student to school with a mobile phone therefore they take responsibility for loss or damage to the mobile phone.
- 3.1.4. Once on school grounds students are not permitted to use their phones. (The use of a mobile phone includes calls, SMS messages, recording audio, photographs or video, listening to music, games and accessing the internet and all other features.)
- 3.1.5. Mobile phones must be switched off once a student arrives on schools grounds in the morning.
- 3.1.6. Mobile phones are to stay in students' bags all day (8:45am-3:30pm).
- 3.1.7. At the end of the day when classes are dismissed students are able to check their messages or contact parents/carers while on school grounds.
- 3.1.8. If a student uses a mobile phone contrary to this policy, it will be confiscated and held by the Office until a student's parents/carers come to collect the device. Parents will be contacted to inform them of the phone's confiscation. Examples of unacceptable mobile phone use include bringing a mobile phone to classes, meetings, assemblies and other organised activities.
- 3.1.9. If a student re-offends the mobile phone will be confiscated and retained until a meeting is arranged between the Principal, the student and his/her parents/carers to establish a course of action.
- 3.1.10. No mobile phones are to be taken on school camp. If a student wishes to use a mobile phone as a camera, the SIM card must be removed.

4. Evaluation:

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

Review Date: March 2020

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: **March 2017**