
POLICY: Student Use of Mobile Phones Policy

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RATIONALE

Parkhill Primary School recognises that mobile phones are an important communication tool.

Some parents/guardians request that their child bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school use to provide safety and security for their child.

Mobile phones can be improperly used, lost or damaged and it is important that teaching and learning be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions.

Mobile phones will therefore only be permitted at school where its usage is not detrimental to students or their learning and where responsibility for its safekeeping rests with the student.

AIMS

To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones at Parkhill P.S. and provide guidelines for their use.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless parents have sought and successfully gained permission from the class teacher. See Declaration of Mobile Phone Use (Appendix 1).
- Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- Mobile phones must be switched off during school hours. Mobile phones are to be kept out of sight, within student's school bags.
- Students can only use their mobile phones before or after school.
- Students must not take any photographs or film other students or school community members without their consent or send harassing or threatening messages. For further information regarding privacy issues, please see the school's Information Privacy policy.
- Mobile phones must not be used in sensitive spaces for example changing rooms, toilets, etc.
- Mobile phones will not be permitted on camps or excursions.
- Students will display courtesy, consideration and respect for others when using a mobile phone.
- 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 four year review cycle.

APPENDICES

- NIL

REFERENCES

- Department of Education and Training - School Policy and Advisory Guide:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/mobilephones.aspx>
- Education and Training Reform Act 2006
[http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/f932b66241ecf1b7ca256e92000e23be/575C47EA02890DA4CA25717000217213/\\$FILE/06-024a.pdf](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/f932b66241ecf1b7ca256e92000e23be/575C47EA02890DA4CA25717000217213/$FILE/06-024a.pdf)