

MOBILE PHONES

BANYULE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale:

- The mobile phone is an effective and quick means of communication. They provide students, teachers and their families with a ready means of communication and are an important modern day communication tool, essential for use by teachers and staff 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:

- This acceptable use policy is designed to ensure potential issues can be clearly identified and addressed; ensuring the continued benefits that mobile phones can provide continues
- The increased ownership of mobile phones requires that school staff, teachers, students and parents take steps to ensure they are used responsibly.

Implementation:

- Mobile phones belonging to students must be kept in their bags during the school day. Students will not be permitted to use their phones during school hours at all. The office phone can be used if parents are needed to be contacted for any reason
- This policy also applies to students during excursions, camps and other extra-curricular activities
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the Principal
- Disciplinary action (such as confiscation of phone or revoking the privilege of bringing a phone) will be taken against any student who breaks these guidelines
- NO camera or video phones will be permitted at school at all
- Students are required to clearly name their mobile phones, however, the school accepts NO responsibility for damage or loss of phones
- Teachers in charge of excursions and camps must have a mobile phone for emergency purposes
- Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education and Training information relating to health effects of using mobile phones

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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