



Student Mobile Phone Usage Policy

RATIONALE

The school recognizes that mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool valued by a significant number of people. Many students now own or have access to mobile phones which are being brought to school with increasing frequency. This can cause a safety and security risk.

For the purpose of this policy it is assumed that parental contact with students during the day will be via the school office only.

AIM

- To ensure mobile telephones do not interfere with the effective conduct of school and classroom activities.
- To protect the privacy of individuals.
- To ensure that procedures are in place to minimise theft and damage of mobile phones.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Mobile phones are brought to school at students own risk.
- To minimize disruption to class all contact between parents and students during the school day will be via the General Office.
- Students are advised not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless needed for communication purposes before and after school between parents/carers and students.
- Mobile phones will need to be handed into the office by students each morning before class, and picked up at the end of the school day unless previous agreement has been made with the Principal.
- In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Knox Park Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.
- Parents will be advised via school newsletter, assemblies and Compass of the security issues regarding the bringing of mobile phones and other valuable objects to school.
- Please note that the Knox Park Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for all items brought to school.

EVALUATION

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

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