

Fairview Park Primary School



Mobile Phone and Related Electronic Device Policy (Reviewed 2012)

Rationale

The staff and Governing Council of Fairview Park Primary School recognise that many students own a mobile phone. We also recognise that some families request that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety/security reasons. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore the school strongly discourages students from bringing mobile phones and electronic devices to school. The school is prepared to allow mobile phones on the premises but only within the guidelines of the policy as stated below.

Guidelines

Staff

- Except in urgent or exceptional situations, electronic devices need to be switched off or put on 'silent' mode.
- Mobile phone use is not permitted during teaching time, while on yard duty or during meetings. (Staff may need access during excursions and/or camps).

Families & Visitors

- Within all learning and meeting situations mobile phones need to be switched off or put on 'silent' mode.
- Families and visitors are asked to take and make mobile calls outside teaching and learning areas.

Students

- In general, students should not bring valuable items to school, as they can be easily lost or stolen, which is often distressful for a primary age child.
- Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. When students enter the school grounds the school takes no responsibility for mobile phones or electronic devices. Mobile phones or electronic devices are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing or investigating lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- There are no reasons why a student needs to have in their possession or use a mobile phone during the school day.
- Families are reminded that in cases of emergency the school office (82512717) is the vital and appropriate point of contact, to ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.
- Students are advised that if they bring a mobile phone or electronic devices onto the school grounds, secure storage is available through the Front Office during the school day.

Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use of electronic devices includes bullying, intimidating or otherwise harassing other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the device. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the Student Behaviour Management Policy. Devices may be confiscated by staff.

Our school's policy will be enacted when inappropriate use of an electronic device:

- disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school
- threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person
- is in breach of any law.

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or related electronic device to offend, harass or bully another person. The school may consider it appropriate to involve the Police and provide collected devices for evidence.

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