



School Policy

Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Management

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Rationale

This policy excludes student MacBook devices for years 4-6 only. Please refer to the ICT Policy for further information. Mobile phones and electronic devices are a part of modern society and the school accepts that many students will possess mobile phones and electronic devices. Phones are a useful tool, especially where the issue of safety is concerned. However, teachers and students have a right to teach and to learn in a classroom environment free from interruption by mobile phones and other electronic devices. Mobile phones and other such devices in schools present a number of challenges. These include:

- Interrupting lessons and disrupting the learning of others
- Theft of mobile phones and music devices
- Mobile phones possibly being used to contact outsiders who may enter the school illegally
- Mobile phones with camera facilities presenting a real danger in terms of privacy and child protection
- Disrupting assessment tasks
- Being used inappropriately at excursions and other school related events
- Downloading and transferring of inappropriate material
- As a tool for Bullies

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS HAVING A MOBILE PHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

While we prefer students not to have mobile phones or electronic devices at school, the school does accept that genuine safety concerns exist which require a phone to be brought on to the school's property; therefore, the school has adopted the following policy:

1. Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones or electronic devices that are brought to school and undertakes no responsibility to investigate their misplacement, loss or alleged theft.
2. All mobile phones and electronic devices when brought to school will be switched off and signed in at the Administration Office before 8:30am and students can collect them at the end of the day. Where a student is found to have a mobile phone or electronic device on them during school hours the item will be confiscated and secured in the school office.
3. The confiscated item will be returned when the student has discussed the school's policy and the student's breach of it with the relevant school administrator. Repeated offences will lead to further consequences.
4. Where parents need to contact their children during the school day, the school's telephone number is 9498 6333 and your message will be delivered to your child.
5. Mobiles phones or IPOD type music devices which double as storage devices for school work are prohibited.

A student who uses a mobile phone to take camera footage of another member of the Harmony Primary School community while at school will be deemed as extreme behaviour and suspension from the school may be considered.