

*Skye Primary School
395 Ballarto Road,
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MOBILE PHONE



POLICY

Ratified School Council 2009

RATIONALE:

Skye Primary School recognises that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and useful for students to have access to a mobile phone - when travelling to and from school to contact parents in emergencies, to confirm or change collection times related to after school arrangements. Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

AIM:

To manage the use of mobile phones by students at Skye Primary School.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Students:

- Students should only use their mobile phones before arriving at school and once leaving school, as directed by their parents. At these times, it is important that students display courtesy, consideration and respect for others.
- Once at school, students must turn their mobile phones off and store them safely in their school bags, or give them directly to their grade teacher for safe keeping throughout the day.
- Students are not to bring mobile phones to excursions or camps.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged personal property, including mobile phones.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be asked not to bring a mobile phone to school. They may have the phone confiscated where it will be handed to the parent.
- Mobile phone cameras (digital and video) must not be used. Students who are found using these functions inappropriately will be subject to disciplinary action according to the appropriate school and DEECD policies and guidelines.

Teachers:

- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure a mobile phone or similar appropriate communications device accompanies each trip, leaving current contact numbers with the Assistant Principal and Office.
- Mobile phones are not to be used for private calls during school teaching time.
- Using a mobile phone for school business whilst on excursions or camps is appropriate.
- In most cases, it is not appropriate for staff to have mobile phones on during scheduled meetings.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged personal property, including mobile phones.

General:

- Mobile phones are brought to and kept at school entirely at their owner's risk.

EVALUATION

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