



MOBILE PHONE and MOBILE DEVICE POLICY (reviewed 6.5.2020)

RATIONALE:

Lake Monger Primary school values its learning environment.

PURPOSE:

Personal technologies often impose new challenges for both school and students. The aim of this policy is to minimise intrusion and associated misbehaviour, bullying and theft involving mobile phone technology and to align our policy with the Department of Education Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy effective 3.2 2020.

BROAD GUIDELINES:

Communication to parents or care givers during school hours of any and all issues relating to students is the responsibility of the school and will be managed by the school.

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

Mobile phones can be an effective means of communication between parents and their children before and after school hours. They also offer potential as tools for 21st Century Learning, under teacher supervision. However, without supervision during school hours they can be a distraction to students and affect learning. While there may exist a need for students to bring a mobile phone on to school premises, their use is to be governed by these guidelines.

Mobile phones are also a medium for bullying and inappropriate use and as such will be strictly controlled within the school environment, as per these guidelines.

Guidelines for students having a mobile phone on the school premises:

1. Phones are to remain 'turned off' and handed in to the front office at the commencement of the school day.
2. Students, upon arrival at school, are to put their smart watches in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the day.
3. The school cannot accept any responsibility for any loss, theft or damage to a student's mobile phone or SIM Card. Any damage, theft or loss is the parent/carer responsibility.
4. Sole responsibility for phone security lies with the owner of the phone.
5. Phones used without consent during school time will be held in Administration and be available for collection, by the parents, from the office at the end of the day. Parents will be contacted.
6. Refusal to hand a phone to a staff member, if it has been used inappropriately, will result in the school's Behaviour Management Policy being implemented.
7. It is an extreme breach of our Behaviour Management Policy if students are found involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises.

8. Phones used to bully students may be subject to confiscation.
9. All students at Lake Monger Primary School are expected to use technology, including mobile phones and the internet appropriately.
10. If students have internet access provisions on their mobile phone, parents need to be aware that it is their responsibility to adhere to restrictions and guidelines regarding Social Networking membership by students.
11. For multiple offences of non-compliance with this policy, student phones will require collection by a parent and loss of good standing.