

# STUDENT MOBILE PHONE/DEVICE POLICY

## CAMP HILL PS



### PURPOSE

To establish the protocols for the acceptable use of mobile phones/devices.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The School Council and Staff acknowledge that the use of mobile phones/devices while children are at school, and in situations where they are cared for in the Out of School Hours Care program, is not necessary. In these circumstances both parents and students have access to each other through the normal communication channels at school.
- Parents are able to ring and get messages to children to alter plans or to ensure their safety in cases of family emergency. Children can be called to the phone if it is essential that the parents speak to the child directly. Similarly, children are able to use the school phone to contact parents if required.
- The School Council and Staff of Camp Hill Primary School acknowledge the importance parents place on the safety of their children. The ability for children to be able to contact parents in cases of emergency or danger is essential. Access to mobile phones/devices by children has become a useful tool for families to keep in contact with each other in such circumstances.

### GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

- Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones/devices to school.
- If for some extenuating circumstance, a student needs to occasionally bring a mobile phone/device to school, the following will apply:
- *Parents will complete Appendix A, informing the Principal that their child will have a mobile phone/device while at school and provide an outline of the reasons for it. Failure to do so will result in confiscation by the teacher/Principal/Assistant Principal and, parents will be notified. Students will have to report to the Office for breach of the School Student Mobile Phone/Device Policy.*
- *The school accepts no responsibility for the theft, breakage or loss of mobile phones/devices. Under no circumstances are the mobile phones/devices to be used while at school. Mobile phones/devices must remain at the office at all times. Any emergency contact with parents can be arranged through the class teacher or office.*
- The school accepts no responsibility for the exchange of contact details between students, however use of these details for prank calls, harassment or bullying will be dealt with through normal behaviour management procedures.
- Students who attend camps or excursions will not be permitted to take phones with them. Teachers carry phones, which can be used in the case of emergency. In a camp situation, contact details will be made available to parents prior to departure.
- DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students are therefore discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

### REVIEW CYCLE

**This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances**

This policy was last updated **February 2019** and is scheduled for review **February 2020**.

Camp Hill Primary School  
Student Mobile Phone/Device Policy  
*Appendix A*



**Parent Permission Form:**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain below the extenuating circumstances requiring your child to bring a mobile phone to school. Please ensure you have made yourself familiar with the Camp Hill Primary School Student Mobile Phone Policy which clearly outlines school guidelines to student mobile phones in our school.

This form is to be handed into the office for the Principal's approval.

*Reason:*

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*My child needs to bring a mobile phone to school on the following date/s:*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval granted:  
(Yes/no)