



BOORAGOON PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Mobile Phone Policy

RATIONALE

Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed. Students are encouraged to use the school telephones under supervision should the need arise. They may use mobile phones before and after school hours.

It is essential that all communication between students and anyone outside the school during the school day be made with full knowledge of the school.

AIMS

To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing any problems they can potentially cause.

BACKGROUND

As with many technologies there are numerous benefits but also some hidden risks with students having mobile phones at school:

- The mobile phone could be viewed as a toy or a gimmick
- Children could be contacted by strangers, or by people without the knowledge of their parents
- Mobile phone marketing companies can spam mobile phones with advertising messages
- Mobile phones can become a 'safety blanket' for children and be relied upon too much for help
- Children need to learn other strategies for getting assistance, such going to a Safety House, rather than being over-reliant on the mobile phone
- Mobile phones can be a distraction when available for use during school time
- Bullying and harassment can occur through text messaging or social platforms
- Children may become vulnerable to others wishing to steal the phone or memory card
- Children may not be able to secure the phone with passwords. This can potentially lead to people amassing expensive bills if the phone is misplaced or stolen.

PROCEDURES

- Students need approval from the Principal to bring a personal mobile phone to school. A letter from the parent/care giver outlining the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student needing a phone at school must be provided. Once approval is given, parents/caregivers must be provided with a copy of this policy, and the Mobile Phone Agreement (below) must be signed and returned to school.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- Student's mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the classroom teacher before commencement of lessons for the day, and retrieved at the end of the school day.

- Failure to adhere to these procedures will be brought to the notice of the Principal and dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Management processes. The student will also relinquish the right to bring a mobile phone to school.

BOORAGOON PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE AGREEMENT

We have read and understand the Booragoon Primary School Mobile Phone Policy, and we have discussed the content with our child/ren. We agree to abide by the procedures, and acknowledge that failure to do so will result in withdrawal of our child/ren's right to bring a mobile phone to school.

Name of Student _____ Signature of Student _____

Year Level _____ Room _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____