



ROSALIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy

## **Policy**

This policy outlines the use of mobile phones on our school site.

### **Rationale**

The staff and School Board of Rosalie Primary School acknowledge the need for some children to have a mobile phone in their possession for safety or security reasons before and after school.

The teaching and learning process at Rosalie must take place in an environment that is free from the distraction of mobile phones. Consequently we stress that inappropriate use of mobile phones will not be tolerated. Students who have good reason to have a mobile phone at school will abide by the guidelines laid down in this policy.

### **Guidelines**

#### ***Staff***

- During teaching time, while on playground duty and during meetings, mobile phones will be turned off or put on 'silent' or 'discreet' mode
- The only exemptions to this are in exceptional or urgent situations.

#### ***Students***

- The school discourages the bringing of any valuable items to school, as they can be lost, stolen or damaged
- The school takes no responsibility should anything happen to mobile phones brought to school. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk
- Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during the school day
- Parents are advised that the best way to contact their child during the day is to call the office on 9381 6011. Staff can then ensure that the student is reached quickly and assisted in the appropriate manner
- Students bringing mobile phones to school must have Mobile Phone Permission Slips completed by their parents and handed to the office.

### **Inappropriate Use**

Inappropriate use includes:

- disruptions or likely disruptions to the learning environment or interference with the operation of the school;
- threats or likely threats to the privacy, well being or safety of any person;
- the breach of any law
- use of the mobile phone as a connection to the internet during the school day.
- use of the mobile phone in the bullying, intimidation or harassment of other people through SMS or text messages, photographic, video or other data transfer systems available on the phone. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the Behaviour Management Policy and be regarded as bullying

The Principal reserves the right to grant exemptions to this policy in exceptional circumstances.

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