

STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES POLICY

RATIONALE

Mandurah Primary School recognizes that mobile phones are an important communication tool. Some parents/guardians request that their child bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school use to provide safety and security for their child. Mobile phones can be improperly used, lost or damaged and it is important that teaching and learning be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Mobile phones will therefore only be permitted at school where its usage is not detrimental to students or their learning and where responsibility for its safekeeping rests with the student.

Purpose

To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones at Mandurah Primary School and provide guidelines for their use:

Guidelines

- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless parents have sought and successfully gained permission from the Principal, by completing an "Application for Student Use of Mobile Phone" form.
- Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- Mobile phones must be switched off during school hours and are to be stored in a designated area at the front office. Phones will be signed in and out each day by the student bringing it to school.
- Students can only use their mobile phones when usage will not disrupt the normal school routine, therefore usage is limited to before or after school.
- Students must not take any photographs or film other students or school community members without their consent or send harassing or threatening messages.
- Mobile phones must not be used in banned spaces for example changing rooms, toilets, gyms, and swimming pools.
- Phones are not to be used by other students.
- The Principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school, if deemed to be using the phone in breach of these guidelines.

