

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.

Aims

- To provide guidelines for the proper use of mobile phones by all persons attending EEPS

Implementation

- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure that they have mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices to accompany each trip.
- Staff members are not to use mobiles phones for private calls during face to face time with students.
- Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
- Students bringing mobile phones to school must turn them off and must not access them during the day.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged mobile phones.
- All students are expected to follow the guidelines set down in the 'Safe Connections Program' and the Australian Government 'Cybersmart' initiative. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> when using this means of communication.
- Students to immediately report to their parent and teacher any inappropriate messages they receive.
- Students using personal mobile phones at school will have the mobile phone confiscated and their parents contacted.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones to school.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed in line with best practice

Revision dates	Version number	Summary of changes
May 2012	0.1	Ratified by School Council