



WAIKERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The following policy applies to all Waikerie Primary students, staff, parents, visitors, volunteers and contractors and is based on a set of values shared by teaching staff and the Governing Council.

Rationale

The use of telecommunication technology has now become the norm for many of our families. Students, parents and teachers are accessing this facility in increasing numbers. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction or disruption, therefore the school discourages students bringing mobile phones to school. We accept there are times when it might be deemed necessary by parents that a student brings a mobile phone to school however, the student must operate in accord with this policy.

Expectations

Students

- Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. The school will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft regardless of the circumstances.
- The phone needs to be handed into the front office at the beginning of the day and collected by the student at the end of the day. Phones are to remain turned off until the student is off school grounds.

If these procedures have not been followed :

- The phone may be confiscated from the student and the parent will be asked to collect it from the school office
- A consequence may be given and/or the student may be banned from bringing a mobile phone onto school grounds

If parents need to urgently contact their child they should follow normal procedures and contact the school on 85412733. Staff will then contact and support the student as necessary.

Staff

- Personal mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. Neither the school or DECD will accept responsibility for any loss or damage nor for investigating such.
- Personal mobile phones are to be switched to mute or discreet in class learning time or in scheduled school meetings
- Private calls are not to be taken or made in teaching time, on yard duty or during school meetings.
- Staff will have access to school mobile phones when required for excursions or camps

Parents, visitors and contractors

- All users are to switch their phones to mute or discreet when in classrooms, assemblies, including meetings and interviews
- All parents and visitors are to take and make mobile calls outside teaching and learning areas

Cameras in phones are not to be operated on the school grounds without the permission of Leadership.

Exceptions from this policy may be approved by the Principal in special circumstances

