



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.

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.

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.

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 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 will be confiscated from the student and stored in the office to be collected at the end of the day.
- An appropriate consequence may be given to the student.

Staff

- Personal mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. The school or the Department for Education will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.
- 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 taking photos, excursions or camps.

Parents, visitors and contractors

- All users are to switch their phones to mute or discreet when in classrooms, school yard, events including assemblies, meetings and interviews.
- All parents and visitors are to take and make mobile calls away from 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.

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