

Students' Use of Mobile Phones and Cellular Devices Agreement

Purpose

1. This Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones and cellular devices provides students and parents guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones and cellular devices at school and at school events.
2. In order for students to bring a mobile phone or cellular device to school or to a school event, students and their parents or guardians must first read and acknowledge they understand the Acceptable Use Policy.
3. The *Email, Internet and Electronic Devices Policy and Procedures* also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

Rationale

1. Parents give their children mobile phones and/or cellular devices to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also ever-increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone and/or cellular device gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child quickly at any time.
2. This policy also applies when students are able to use their cellular device during certain lessons.

Responsibility

1. Students who bring a mobile phone or cellular device to school will be held responsible for the use of that phone or device by the student or anyone else.
2. If a student's phone or cellular device is used by someone else without their permission, they must immediately inform a staff member.
3. Permission to have a mobile phone or cellular device at school/while under the school's supervision is contingent upon parent/guardian permission in the form of a signed copy of this agreement. Parents/guardians may revoke approval at any time.

Acceptable Uses

1. Mobile phones should be switched off during classroom lessons unless specifically allowed by the classroom teacher.
2. Parents may request that their child keeps a mobile phone switched on. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed to the Principal.

3. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency parents must contact the school on (08) 9335 1471 before attempting to directly contact their child.
4. While at school, or at a school event, students should have their mobile phone and/or cellular device set to silent.

Unacceptable Uses

1. Unless express permission is granted to the contrary, mobile phones must not be used in class for any reason.
2. Mobile phones or cellular devices should not disrupt classroom lessons by ringing or beeping.

Consequence

1. Breaches of this policy may result in temporary removal of the students phone or device, rescinding their permission to bring a phone or cellular device to school or some other consequences determined by the school.

Theft or Damage

1. Students are required to mark their mobile phone clearly with their names.
2. Students who bring a mobile phone onto school premises should leave it locked away in their locker/bag as soon as they arrive. In order to reduce the risk of theft during school hours, students who carry mobile phones are advised to keep them well concealed and not 'advertise' they have them.
3. Mobile phones or cellular devices which are found in the school and whose owner cannot be located should be handed to front office reception.
4. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones or cellular devices.
5. The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phones or cellular devices stolen while travelling to and from school.
6. It is strongly advised that students use access security on their mobile phone or device. Students must keep their password/pin numbers confidential.

Inappropriate Conduct

1. Any student/s caught using a mobile phone or cellular device to cheat in exams or assessments will face disciplinary action.
2. Any student who uses vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language while using a mobile phone or cellular device will face disciplinary action.

3. Students with mobile phones or cellular devices may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and phone calls. Students using mobile phones or cellular devices to bully other students will face disciplinary action.
4. As it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or cellular device to menace, harass or offend another person the school will report such actions to the police.
5. As it is a criminal offence to distribute intimate images or threaten to distribute intimate images, any student doing so will be reported to the police.



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I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile phones at Kerry Street Community School and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and that the details may be used (and shared with a third party, if necessary) to assist in identify a phone should the need arise (eg if lost, or if the phone is being used inappropriately).

Student's Name	Signature
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I give my child permission to carry a mobile phone to school and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the mobile phone is used appropriately and correctly while under the school's supervision, as outlined in this document.

Parent/Carer's Name	Signature
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