



ACCEPTABLE MOBILE PHONE USE BY STUDENTS POLICY

Rationale:

1. To provide teachers, students and parents with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones while students are at school.
2. To ensure that potential issues (such as mobile etiquette) can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits that mobile phones provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by students and parents.

Aims:

Personal safety and security

- The school acknowledges that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child quickly at any time, outside school hours. School resources are readily available to enable contact between parents and students during school hours. This can be done by phoning the office and requesting that the message be given to the child (in most circumstances there will be no need for students to have a mobile phone).

Implementation:

- Mobile phones, or any accessory of the mobile phone, may only be used before and after school hours and in a manner or place that is not disruptive to the normal routine of the school. They are not to be used during school hours.
- Mobile phones are not to be taken on school camps or excursions.
- Mobile phones are brought to and kept at school and used entirely at the owner's risk. The School cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage to such property.
- It is expressly forbidden to film or take photographs of other individuals without their consent, or send harassing or threatening messages via a mobile phone.
- DEECD does not hold insurances for personal property brought to school and BPS is not responsible for any loss or damage to such property.

Resources

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/lol/>

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Ratified by School Council: 2014

To be reviewed: 2017