

# Angle Vale Primary School

Building our bridge to the future

Learning to know

Learning to do

Learning to get along

## Mobile Communication Device Policy

### Our Vision

Angle Vale Primary School, with the school community, is committed to support all students to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

### Our Mission

Each student has the opportunity to work in a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment, engage in learning programs that include the following capabilities:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical understanding
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Intercultural understanding
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Personal and social capability

### Our Aims

The Angle Vale Primary School's Mobile Communication Device Policy provides a framework to ensure that:

- Students are learning and Educators are teaching.
- Staff and students work within a relational and restorative framework.
- Through explicit teaching and learning, we develop social responsibility and willingness to make amends, restore and strengthen relationships.
- Parents, students and staff work collaboratively to provide a consistent and just approach to development and management of student behaviour that takes into account the different needs of individual students.

### Our Values

Confidence	Honesty	Respect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Be prepared to try new things</li> <li>● Know your choices</li> <li>● Be prepared to seek help</li> <li>● Be a positive role model</li> <li>● Use power positively</li> <li>● Show persistence</li> <li>● Show resilience when things are down</li> <li>● Have the confidence to show generosity to others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tell the truth</li> <li>● Have a strong work ethic</li> <li>● Be honest about giving effort</li> <li>● Be proud of your achievements</li> <li>● Take responsibility for your own actions</li> <li>● A fair go for all</li> <li>● Encourage others</li> <li>● Develop trust in relationships with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treat self, others and property with care and respect</li> <li>● Be cooperative and include others</li> <li>● Respect that school is a place of learning</li> <li>● Communicate respectfully and use a person's name</li> <li>● Look after school belongings but leave valuables at home</li> <li>● Move around the school calmly</li> </ul>

The use of telecommunications technology has now become the norm rather than the exception for our school community. Students/staff/parents/caregivers/volunteers/contractors and any other visitors 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 the bringing of mobile communication devices to school by students but we accept there are times when it might be deemed

important such as going to and from school. We are therefore prepared to allow them on the premises only within the parameters of this policy and only when it is deemed necessary by parents.

Mobile communication devices are defined as devices that can store, send and receive communications (voice, data and video) while the device is not physically attached to a network. Mobile communication devices include:

- Mobile telephones
- Tablet devices using wireless/mobile telecommunication technology (e.g. iPad, Android, Windows devices etc.)
- Smart phone devices
- Laptops/Notebooks with wireless/mobile telecommunication connectivity.

## EXPECTATIONS

### Students

- Students are not to have mobile communication devices in their possession whilst on school grounds during school hours (8:30 – 3:15 pm) or on an excursion or camp. Such devices must be switched off and stored in a secure location in the front office or by their class teacher.
- At the end of the day students are able to communicate with their parents/caregivers if necessary. The taking of photos, playing games or social media are not to be used until students leave the school grounds.
- No device is to be used at any time during the school day except if pre-arranged with the Leadership Team.
- Families are reminded that in case of emergency the school office remains the appropriate point of contact on 8284 7222 and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.
- In emergencies or for other important reasons, students can seek permission from their teacher to contact their families or carers using the school landline in the office.
- Mobile communication devices are brought to school entirely at owner's risk. The school will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft.

If these procedures have not been followed, the phone will be confiscated from the student and the parent will be asked to collect it from the school office.

### Staff

- Personal mobile communication devices are to be switched off or put on 'silent' during teaching times, meetings and assemblies, except in an emergency or if pre-arranged with the Principal.
- Personal mobile communication devices are not to be used to take images of any students.
- Personal mobile communication devices are brought to school at the owner's risk. Neither the school nor DECD can accept responsibility for any loss or damage OR investigating such.
- Only certified charging devices which have been electrically tested are allowed.
- Teaching and Support Staff have access to school mobile communication devices when required for excursions and camps.

### Parents/Caregivers/Volunteers/Contractors and any other Visitors

- All parents/caregivers/volunteers/contractors and any other visitors are to take and make mobile calls outside teaching and learning areas.
- Personal mobile communication devices are to be switched off or put on 'silent' during teaching times, meetings and assemblies, except in an emergency or if pre-arranged with the Principal.
- Personal mobile communication devices are not to be used to take images of any students.
- Personal mobile communication devices are brought to school at the owner's risk. Neither the school nor DECD can accept responsibility for any loss or damage OR investigating such.
- Only certified charging devices which have been electrically tested are allowed.

It is a criminal offence to use mobile phones or related electronic devices to offend, harass or bully another person. The school may consider it appropriate to involve the Police and provide collected devices for evidence.

Use and content of mobile communication devices must be in accordance with the ethical standards expected from DECD staff as outlined in the Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector.

This policy is guided by  
DECD – Mobile Communication Device Policy 2011