



## Mobile Phone/Electronic Device Policy

### Rationale

The core business of our school is to promote and support teaching and learning in a safe environment, free from unnecessary distraction or disruption. The school is supportive of new technologies and is constantly seeking ways in which to incorporate these into teaching and learning programmes safely and productively to ensure that our students gain optimum benefits and their learning is supportive of the current and future world.

Students, staff, parents, visitors and contractors use mobile phones and other electronic devices for a variety of purposes including safety, business and general communication. Our aim is to ensure that communications between students and people outside of the school are legitimate, appropriate and do not interrupt the good order of the school and students' safety and learning time.

### Students

Although we recognise that some students require mobile phones after school hours for safety and communication reasons we do encourage students to leave mobile phones at home, unless absolutely necessary. Should students need to bring a mobile phone or other electronic devices to school, they **must not be visible** and must be **switched off as soon as a student enters school grounds** and remain so, until the student exits the school grounds.

Mobile Phones at school should be given to the teacher or handed in to the front office at the beginning of the day and should be collected at the end of the day.

Mobile phones are not to be used during school times. This includes school camps and excursions. Parent contact with students can be made directly through the front office, or school mobile phone when relevant. Any urgent calls necessary to be made by students during school hours will be made via the front office or when on camps and excursions, the school mobile phone. Mobile phones **must not** be used as cameras at school; this is to protect the privacy of our students.

Students are prohibited from bringing all other electronic devices such as iPods, iPads, Nintendo DS and similar items to school. The school has no control over the content on personal devices and therefore should these items be brought onto school grounds they must be switched off and given to the class teacher or handed into the front office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.

Smart watches, e.g. Apple watches, are strongly discouraged as they have the capability to make calls, send and receive texts and access the internet. These will be treated as mobile phones and we encourage students to not wear these to school but instead wear a simple watch with no other capacity similar to a mobile phone.

Students remain responsible for all their personal effects while at school. The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones or any other electronic devices brought onto school grounds.

A mobile phone or other electronic device which is used in contravention of this policy will be confiscated and returned to the user at the end of the school day. The consequences of inappropriate use will be in accordance with the 'Angle Vale Primary School Behaviour Development Policy'.

## Staff

All users are to switch their personal mobile phones to mute or discreet when in public areas, including meetings, interviews and classrooms, except in the case of an emergency or as arranged with the Principal. Both incoming and outgoing calls are not to be used on personal mobile phones during class teaching and learning periods.

## Parents, visitors and contractors

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

This policy is guided by DfE Mobile communication devices  
security guideline 2020  
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