



Marryatville Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

Date – January 2016

<p>Vision</p>	<p>Mobile phones will be used appropriately by students, staff and parents.</p>
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The increased ownership of mobile phones requires that school administrators, teachers, students and parents take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly. This policy is designed to ensure that potential issues can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits of mobile phones (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by our community. This policy also applies to students, staff and parents during school camps, excursions and extra-curricular activities.</p>
<p>Policy detail / actions</p>	<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marryatville PS accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety such as travelling alone or walking to school. Parents should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone onto school premises. • Student mobile phones must be switched off during classroom lessons and will be left in the student’s bag or locked in a teacher cupboard. • Parents will be reminded that in cases of emergency, the Administration is the first point of contact. • Student mobile phones should be switched off at the front gate and not turned on again until the child is ready to leave the school grounds. • Unless permission is granted to the contrary, mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, use the internet, take/send photos or any other application during school time. • Student phones are NOT to be taken into the yard at any break time. • Teaching and learning are our core business and for this reason, mobile phones should not disrupt classroom lessons by ringing or beeping. • Students will be advised to keep their phone well concealed in their bag to reduce the risk of theft. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones. <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff mobile phones should be switched off or turned to silent during lesson times and stored out of sight. • Staff mobile phones should be switched off or turned to silent in professional meetings. • Personal phone calls should not be taken or made while teachers have duty of care for students – in the classroom, on yard duty or while supervising any activity on or off school grounds. • Examples of violations relating to mobile phone usage from the DECD Guidelines “Protective Practices for Staff in their interactions with children and young people” include – <p><i>“Correspondence of a personal nature via any medium (eg – phone, text message, letters, email, internet postings) that is unrelated to the staff</i></p>

	<p><i>member's role."</i></p> <p><i>"Still/moving images or audio recording of children and young people on personal equipment or kept in personal locations such as car or home that have not been authorised by the site leader."</i></p> <p><i>"Uploading or publishing still/moving images or audio recordings of children and young people to any location, without parental and site leader's consent."</i></p> <p>Parents, volunteers and community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults who are participating in activities or in learning spaces should have their phone switched to silent to avoid disruption to learning. • Photographs taken of children by community members must not be uploaded to the internet or published in any way, unless permission is sought from the parents of the child. <p>All members of the school community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students, staff and community members with mobile phones should not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, making phone calls or using social media. Students using mobile phones to bully other students will face disciplinary action at school. Parents of students affected by any bullying or harassment will be advised to lodge a complaint with their service provider or SAPOL as this type of behaviour contravenes the telecommunications act. <p>It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person.</p>
Supporting documents/ related items	DECD Guidelines – "Protective Practices for Staff in their interactions with children and young people"
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