



Brahma Lodge Primary School Student Mobile Phone - MP3 Player - Hand Held Gaming Device Policy

Rationale

For students to learn successfully a school must be a safe environment free from unnecessary disruption and distraction. As a school we do not want to be monitoring music and computer games to ensure that they are appropriate or listened to at a volume that does not damage hearing. We do not allow MP3 players or hand held computer games to be brought to school as we believe that they detract from learning.

We discourage students bringing mobile phones to school but we accept that there are times when this may be necessary. Bullying is not tolerated in our school and we are aware that mobile phones can be used to bully individuals. Mobile phones should only be at school within the guidelines of this policy.

Communication with Students

Our aim is to ensure that communications occurring with students during school time are legitimate and that they do not interrupt the well being of members of the school community.

All telephone calls made by students during school time must be made through the Front Office.

Telephone calls from families or carers to children must be made to the Front Office. We will either bring your child to the phone or deliver a message to the child.

Mobile Phones in the School

We understand that mobile phones need to be carried by some students for family reasons. Safety concerns demand that some students have a mobile phone with them for after school communication.

If you require that your child brings a mobile phone to school you need to:

1. Advise the teacher of your child in writing that your child has a mobile phone that will be brought to school.
2. Allow your child to sign the agreement on having a mobile phone at school.
3. Instruct your child to keep the phone secure and turned off whilst at school.

Students who use their mobile phone inappropriately will have their mobile phone taken by a member of the leadership Team. A parent or caregiver will be contacted if this occurs. A parent or caregiver will be able to collect the phone from the Front Office.

Parents and caregivers need to be aware that the student is responsible for their phone at school. The school accepts no responsibility for phones that are lost, stolen or damaged whilst on site.

Mobile phones at school can be used to access inappropriate web sites, to send emails or text messages that harass or bully, and to organise for non students to attend the school. If the principal believes that a mobile phone has been used to cyber bully or to organise a crime they have the authority to confiscate the phone and to suspend or exclude a student who acts in a manner that threatens the safety or well being of a student, member of staff or another person associated with the school.