



ANZAC TERRACE PRIMARY POLICY

Title:

Acceptable Use Policy for Mobile Phones (Students)

Date:

April 2013

Policy endorsed and adopted by School Council 24/3/09

Relevant Regulations: Director General Advice 25/2/09 "Preventing Inappropriate Use of Mobile Phones"

DET Policy: "Behaviour Management in Schools: 6.1.2 Management of Student Mobile Phones" 28/1/08

Rationale

Anzac Terrace Primary School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

Purpose

The widespread ownership of mobile phones among young people requires that school administrators, teachers, students, and parents take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly at schools. This Acceptable Use Policy is designed to ensure that potential issues involving mobile phones can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits that mobile phones provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by our students.

Anzac Terrace Primary School has established the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones that provides teachers, students and parents guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

The Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

Policy

1. The School must be informed by the parents / guardians that their child will be taking a mobile phone to school.
2. Students and their parents or guardians must read and understand the "Acceptable Use Policy" before students are given permission to bring mobile phones to school.
3. Permission to have a mobile phone at school while under the school's supervision is contingent on parent / guardian permission in the form of a signed copy of this policy.
4. Either the School or the Parents/guardians may revoke approval at any time.
5. It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile phones to school to abide by the guidelines outlined in this document.
6. The decision to provide a mobile phone to their children should be made by parents or guardians.
7. Parents should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone to school.

Procedures

1. Parents wishing their child to bring a mobile phone to school must first inform the school and obtain a copy of the "Acceptable Use Policy", read it through with their child and return a signed copy to the school.
2. All student mobile phones are to be handed into the office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.
3. Only in exceptional circumstances will a student be allowed to keep a mobile phone in class, and this should occur very rarely. In such cases, parents need to make contact with the school to explain these circumstances.
4. Students should mark their mobile phone clearly with their names.
5. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
6. The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

Inappropriate conduct

1. Any student who uses vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language while using a mobile phone will face disciplinary action.
2. Students with mobile phones may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and phone calls. Students using mobile phones to bully other students will face disciplinary action.

Sanctions

Students who infringe the rules set out in this document could face having their phones confiscated by teachers. The mobile phone would be taken to a secure place within the school and the student's parent informed. Appropriate arrangements would then be made for the parents to collect the mobile phone.

Repeated infringements may result in the withdrawal of the agreement to allow the student to bring the mobile telephone to school.

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Parent/Guardian Permission to bring mobile phone to school

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile phones at Anzac Terrace Primary School and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and that the details may be used (and shared with a third party, if necessary) to assist identify a phone should the need arise (eg if lost, or if the phone is being used inappropriately).

I give my child permission to carry a mobile phone to school and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the mobile phone is used appropriately and correctly while under the school's supervision, as outlined in this document.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student name: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Representative: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____