



# Carrum Primary School 3385

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## **Personal Electronic Devices Policy**

### **Basic Beliefs:**

Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools. We recognise that they are also becoming more common amongst students. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

### **Aims:**

To utilise the benefits of mobile phones/personal electronic devices whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

### **Implementation:**

#### **STUDENTS**

- The school will encourage students to be aware of their obligation to use their mobile phones/personal electronic devices in a thoughtful and socially responsible manner, including knowledge of issues such as cyber bullying, inappropriate text messaging and inappropriate photography.
- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones/personal electronic devices to school without the knowledge and permission of their parents. Each student is responsible for their own phone/device.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones/personal electronic devices, and will not provide re-charging facilities.
- Students' mobile phones/personal electronic devices must be turned off during school hours. If urgent contact is needed with home, students will be given access to the school's phone system as a means of being able to monitor the needs and issues of children.
- The possession and use of mobile phones/personal electronic devices may need to be restricted during school time and also certain supervised school activities such as sleepovers, camps and excursions where student independence is being encouraged.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school e.g. cyber bullying, inappropriate texting and/or photos, will be brought to the attention of the principal. Parents and/or the Police will be notified.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones/personal electronic devices at school.

#### *Glossary*

**PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVIDES** is a term designed to cover items such as i-POD's, MP3 Players, PDAs and digital cameras.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

**This policy was ratified by School Council on 8/8/2017  
Due for review August 2020**