

Guidelines: Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones (Students)

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Rationale

The use of mobile phones during school hours can be disruptive to the learning environment and will be discouraged.

Procedures

- Although there are times when it is appropriate for students to have access to a mobile phone, the use of mobile phones by students at Maribyrnong Primary School will be discouraged. Urgent messages for students can be left at the front office and a phone is always available for students if they need to contact parents or carers.
- Students should ensure that their phones are handed in to the front office to be kept securely during school hours.
- Students should have their mobile phones switched off while at school. Students should only use their mobile phones before or after school.
- Students may not photograph or video other students with mobile phones. Photographs of students may only be taken with the schools' digital or video camera and only with signed parental consent.
- It is important that students display courtesy, consideration and respect for others and their privacy whenever they are using a mobile phone.
- Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- Mobile phones are used at the owners' own risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of the loss, theft or damage of any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the directorate's negligence.

Evaluation

These guidelines will be reviewed and publicized at the beginning of each school year.

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