School Policy: Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones

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Rationale

The use of mobile phones at school is disruptive to the learning environment and will be discouraged.

Procedures

- The use of mobile phones by students at Latham 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.
- We acknowledge there are times when it is appropriate for students to have access to a mobile phone.
- It is important that students display courtesy, consideration and respect for others 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.
- Students should have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight while at school.
- Students should only use their mobile phones before or after school.
- Students should ensure that their phones are always stored in a safe and secure place.
- Students may not photograph others with mobile phones. Photographs of students may only be taken with the schools’ digital or video camera and only with signed parental consent.
- 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 department’s negligence.

Evaluation

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