

MOBILE PHONE / ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

RATIONALE

At Bellevue Heights Primary School we believe it is important to promote and support teaching and learning in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruption.

Use of mobile phones and other electronic devices i.e. gameboys, walkmans, CD players etc.

The use of telecommunications technology has now become the norm rather than the exception with many of our families, students, parents and staff accessing this facility in increasing numbers. Although our school discourages the bringing of mobile phones to school by the students, we accept that there are times when it might be deemed important. Therefore, students are allowed to have mobile phones on our school premises only within the parameters of the policy and only when it is deemed necessary by parents.

Electronic devices such as gameboys, walkmans, i-pods, Nintendos etc are inappropriate at school. We encourage students to be physically active at break times. Please do not bring these devices to school unless on a designated games day nominated by the teacher

EXPECTATIONS

If parents need to contact their child urgently, they should phone through the school office, and the student will be contacted and supported where necessary. It is important to maintain this direct link between home and school.

Students

If a student brings a mobile phone/electronic device to school they are asked to keep it in their bag and turned off at all times. Students need to have completed the permission form (below) in order to have a mobile phone at school. Phones and other electronic devices that are brought to the school are at the family's own risk and the school will not take responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged property.

Phone calls in school hours are to be made via the school office. Mobile phones are not to be used during school times including recess and lunch times. (8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) Electronic devices are not to be used during lesson times.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones / electronic devices will result in their confiscation until the end of the day / excursion. Confiscated phones/electronic devices may be collected from the school office between 3.30 and 4.30 pm. A note informing parents of a breach of policy will be included in the student's diary and needs to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the classroom teacher the next morning.

Staff

Staff have access to school mobile phones when required for excursions, camps and yard supervision.

Both incoming and outgoing calls are discouraged on personal mobiles during class teaching and learning periods. These are for emergency purposes only at these times.

Parents, Visitors, Contractors

All users are to switch their phones to mute or discrete when in public areas, including meetings, interviews and classrooms.

All visitors and parents are to take and make mobile calls outside teaching and learning areas.

This policy will be reviewed from time to time as technology advances and changes to the mode of communication technology, and the way it can be used.



**BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Student Name: _____

Class Teacher: _____

I give permission for my child listed above to bring the following device to school.

- mobile phone Type of phone: Mobile No:
- electronic device Type of device
- I accept full responsibility for the phone / electronic device while it is at school.

Signed:

Date: / /