

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Responsibility

McLaren Vale Primary School acknowledges that mobile phones may be used as a safety measurement out of school hours for children who travel alone, on public transport or for those students who commute long distances to school.

Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains the vital and appropriate point of contact to ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

The decision to provide a mobile phone to their children should be made by parents or guardians. Parents should be aware of the following information if their child takes a mobile phone onto school premises.

Please note, the school accepts no responsibility for:

- lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.
- the school will not investigate stolen phones. In such cases students will be referred to the SA Police to submit a report.

Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones at School

- Students are required to give their mobile phone to their classroom teacher (switched off) at the beginning of the day and collect them at the end of the school day.
- Students cannot use their mobile phones while on school grounds between 8.30am and 3.20pm. Any unexpected problem solving is to be managed through the front office via the school phone.

Unacceptable Use

- Students found accessing or using their phone during the school day will be required to lodge their phone at the Front Office at the beginning of the school day and collect it at the end of the day if they wish to continue bringing it to school.
- Students with mobile phones may not engage in personal attacks harass another person or post private information about another person using SMS, the internet, taking/sending photos or objectionable images and phone calls.
- Mobile phones or any electronic communication devices e.g. Ipod, Ipad Touch, etc. are not to be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, and take photographs or any other application on school grounds.

Students using mobile phones inappropriately at school will face disciplinary action as sanctioned by the Principal. The school has the legal right and responsibility to hold a student's mobile phone to be handed to the SA Police if there are any concerns regarding inappropriate material on the phone or possible evidence of electronic abuse or harassment.

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