



# RIVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Cyber Safety at Riverton Primary School

### Mobile Telephones & Electronic Devices

#### Rationale

At Riverton primary School technology is an integral part of the learning process. Teachers and students are able to use devices such as computers, laptops, interactive whiteboards and iPads to access a wide range of information. We are committed to supporting our students to become responsible global citizens. The use of telecommunications technology has now become the norm rather than the exception for many of our families. Students, parents and teachers are accessing this facility in increasing numbers. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction and disruption. Therefore the school discourages the bringing of mobile telephones to school by students. We do however accept there are times when it might be deemed important. Our aim is to ensure that communications are legitimate, appropriate and do not interrupt the good order of the school.

#### Telephone calls to and from students

Any telephone calls made by students during school hours must be made via the front office.

Telephone calls from families or carers to children are to be made on the phones in the front office. We can confidently assure callers that messages received prior to 3.15pm will reach their destination.

#### Mobile telephones in school

Riverton Primary School understands that mobile telephones offer a service to some families. Safety and communication concerns may necessitate that some students have a mobile telephone with them for before and after school communications.

There are, however, issues associated with mobile telephones. Issues include security, interruptions to school operations and student perceptions of equity. Because of these issues, we prefer that students do not bring mobile telephones to school.

If you require your child to have a mobile telephone at school,

- A written request/notification must be submitted by parents to the Principal explaining the need for the mobile to be at school.
- Mobile telephones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft.
- Students are not to have mobile phones in their possession during school hours. The phone needs to be handed to the school office staff at the beginning of the day. Their phone needs to be collected by the students at the end of the day.

Should students breach the policy, they will be subject to normal 'Student Behaviour Management' consequences. The student will be instructed to lodge the telephone in the security of our front office for the rest of the day.

Parents need to be aware that the student remains responsible for their telephone, its use, abuse, loss or damage.

#### Staff

To model our commitment to this policy, staff members have agreed not to use mobile telephones during teaching time or other formal contact times. We therefore expect that all mobile telephones are switched off in classrooms, during scheduled meetings, except as pre-arranged with a Principal.

Teaching and support staff have access to school mobile telephones when required for excursions and camps.

#### Parents, visitors and contractors

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

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