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Cadell Primary School Mobile Phone Guidelines

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The following policy applies to all Cadell Primary students, staff, parents, visitors, volunteers and contractors and is based on a set of values shared by all stakeholders.

Rationale

The use of telecommunication technology has now become the norm rather than the exception for many of our families. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction or disruption therefore the school discourages students bringing mobile phones to school.

Expectations

Students

- ❖ If a student needs a mobile phone at school, parents can make a request. The phone should not be brought to school until it has been approved by the Principal.
- ❖ Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. The school will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft regardless of the circumstances.
- ❖ Students who have not been granted approval are not to have mobile phones in their possession during school hours. The phone needs to be handed into the front office at the beginning of the day and collected by the student at the end of the day. Phones are to remain turned off until the student is off school grounds.

If these procedures have not been followed:

- ❖ The phone will be confiscated from the student and the parent will be asked to collect it from the school office.
- ❖ A time out consequence will be given if there is continued unauthorised use of a mobile phone at school.

If parents need to urgently contact their child they should follow normal procedures and contact the school on 85403291. Staff will then contact and support the student as necessary.

Staff

- ❖ Personal mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. Neither the school nor DECD can accept responsibility for any loss or damage, nor for investigating such.
- ❖ Personal mobile phones are to be switched to mute in class learning time or in scheduled school meetings. Private calls are not to be taken or made in teaching time, or during school meetings.
- ❖ Staff will have access to school mobile phones when required for excursions or camps.

Parents, visitors and contractors

- ❖ All users are to switch their phones to mute when inside school buildings including meetings, interviews and assemblies.
- ❖ All parents and visitors are to take and make mobile calls outside teaching and learning areas.

Cameras in phones are not to be operated on the school grounds without the permission of the Principal.

Students found using a phone camera will have the phone confiscated for return to a parent.

Vision: Cadell Primary School is a unique, community driven school full of learning, laughter and friendship. We are committed to providing a happy, secure and stimulating environment where all children are motivated, valued, self confident and empowered to reach their full potential.