ECHUCA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONES
Policy

Rationale:
• Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:
• To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:
• The school will purchase and maintain enough mobile telephones and service contracts to satisfy its needs.
• Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school’s mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
• Staff using mobile phones are required to sign for them in the Borrowing Register.
• Staff returning mobile phones are responsible for ensuring that they are recharged.
• Mobile phones are not to be used for private calls, with the exception that staff are permitted to contact families or loved ones during overnight excursions or if an excursion is returning late.
• Students are not to use the school’s mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
• Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
• Students who bring mobile phones to school must leave them with their classroom teacher.
• The school does not except responsibility for lost or damaged mobile phones.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... 2005
Reviewed in 2015 next review 2018