

Appendix 3

USE OF MOBILE PHONES POLICY AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT BY STUDENTS

Mobile phones and other electronic equipment are expensive items of technology and are not covered by any Education Queensland insurance policy if lost or stolen. They are often coveted by other children and because of their size easily stolen. It is inappropriate for children to have a mobile phone or other electronic equipment in class and very risky if they are left in bags. **It is for these reasons that we strongly discourage the bringing to school of phones or other electronic equipment by our students.**

Children who need to communicate with a member of the family during the school day may do so through the phones at the office, without charge.

If it is necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone or other electronic equipment to school our policy states that we receive written parent permission which clearly explains the reason for this. A letter which includes permission and reason for use, addressed to the Principal, must be presented to the office at the beginning of the day with the mobile phone or electronic equipment. The item will then be stored in a secure location until the end of the day and returned to your child.

If a mobile phone or electronic equipment is seen, it will be sent to the office for collection by the student at 3.00. Repeated offences will lead to parents being contacted and possible disciplinary action.

This policy has been developed to protect your property and reduce the opportunity for inappropriate use of mobile phones and other electronic equipment in our school.