



Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones in School

At Narwee Public School we acknowledge the growing ownership and use of mobile phones amongst our students and the associated issues with the use of mobile phones on school. These include:

- Health issues for young children using mobile phones excessively
- The possibility of expensive phones being lost, damaged or stolen
- Safe storage of phones during school hours
- Inappropriate use of phones

For these reasons we discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school. In case of emergencies, students may be contacted through the school office and a message will be passed on to them. However, the school does acknowledge that on occasions parents may feel their child needs to carry a mobile phone for security reasons while travelling independently to and from school.

Policy Statement

The following rules apply to students who bring mobile phones to school:

- Students bringing mobile phones to school do so at their own risk – the school does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones while in the student's possession
- Parents must provide written permission for their child to bring a phone to school
- Students are required to deposit all phones in the school office as soon as they arrive at school and collect them from the school office at 3.20pm. NO PHONES are to be kept in bags or on the student's person
- Phones that have been signed in will need to be turned off before being stored securely in the school office
- Parents must speak to their children about the appropriate use of mobile phones
- The use by students of mobile phone cameras or video functions is not permitted at any school event
- Mobile phones will be confiscated by school staff if students fail to lodge their phone at the office or parental permission has not been received. A staff member will contact the student's parent / carer to discuss the matter.