

Use of Mobile Phones and Similar Electronic Devices by Students Policy



Policy Statement:

Education Queensland is committed to providing a learning environment which is free from disruption to learning. Noosaville State School considers that the unregulated use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices by students would be likely to cause disruption to the smooth operation of the school.

Scope:

Noosaville State School recognises that mobile phones and similar electronic devices (iPods, handheld electronic games etc) are a part of modern, everyday life. Whilst accepting this it also recognises that indiscriminate use of such devices in the school could cause disruption the teaching learning process and harm the smooth running of the school.

The school recognises that in some circumstances such devices can be appropriately incorporated into the learning program.

The school also recognises that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial, because of family emergencies or circumstances, for students to have access to mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Hence the use of such devices needs to be regulated with a definite set of procedures and guidelines to be followed.

Such procedures and guidelines also apply during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

Objectives:

- (a) Establish a process for parents and caregivers who wish for their child to have access to such devices to make application.
- (b) Establish a set of procedures and guidelines to be followed by students who have permission to use such devices.
- (c) Clearly and regularly advice students, parents and caregivers of the schools expectations with regard to these devices.

Roles and responsibilities:

Parent / Caregivers – Parents or caregivers who wish their child to have a mobile phone or similar electronic device at school must make application in writing to the principal. Such application may be made on the School Application Form (Attachment 1).

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Principal – The Principal shall consider all written applications for a student to have in their possession at school a mobile phone or similar electronic device and grant or not grant permission based on the circumstances of each case individually.

Should permission be granted, the Principal may make / impose conditions on that use to ensure that the smooth operation of the school is maintained.

These conditions shall be communicated to the student, parents / caregivers in writing, who shall sign their agreement to abide by these.

Failure to follow such conditions may result in permission being withdrawn.

Student – Any student who has permission to have a mobile phone or similar electronic device at school will adhere to the following conditions:

- (1) Display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever using a mobile phone or similar electronic device.
- (2) Have their mobile phone or similar device switched off and out of sight during classes.
- (3) Not use their mobile phone or similar device in a manner that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- (4) Not use phone cameras at any time.
- (5) Not use mobile phones to send threatening messages or harass another student or staff member.
- (6) Not use a mobile phone or similar electronic device to assist during exams or assessment.
- (7) Are brought to school on the clear understanding that no liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage of any device.
- (8) Agree to any other condition which may be set by the Principal.
- (9) Sign a student agreement. (Attachment 2).

Attachment 1

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Application Form

To be completed by Parent / Caregiver

Name of Student: _____ Class: _____

Parents / Caregivers: _____

Contact Details: _____

Type of electronic device: _____

Reasons for application: _____

Dates required: From _____ To: _____

I make this application in the knowledge that all electronic devices are brought in to the school at the owner's risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of any loss, theft or damage to any device.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent / Caregiver)



Approved / Not Approved

Signed: _____

(Principal)

Special Conditions (if approved): _____

Attachment 2

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Student Agreement

I _____ of class _____ understand that I have been given permission to use _____ at school under the following conditions:

- I will display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever using a mobile phone or similar electronic device.
- I will have their mobile phone or similar device switched off and out of sight during classes.
- I will not use their mobile phone or similar electronic device in a manner that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- I will not use phone cameras at any time.
- Not use mobile phones to send threatening messages or harass another student or staff member.
- I will not use a mobile phone or similar electronic device to assist during exams or assessment.
- I understand that the electronic device/s brought to school is at the owner's risk with no liability accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage of any device.
- Other conditions

I understand that should I not abide by all the above conditions that the principal may withdraw permission for me to use this device at school.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

(Student)

(Parent / Caregiver)

(Principal)