



# BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

### **RATIONALE:**

Beaumaris Primary School values its learning environment.

### **PURPOSE:**

New personal technologies often impose new challenges for both school and students. The aim of this policy is to minimise intrusion and associated misbehaviour, bullying and theft involving mobile phone technology.

### **BROAD GUIDELINES:**

Communication to parents or care givers during school time of any and all issues relating to all students is the responsibility of the school and will be managed by the school.

Mobile phones can be an effective means of communication between parents and their children before and after school hours. They also offer potential as tools for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, under teacher supervision. However, without supervision during school time they can be a distraction to students and effect learning. While there may exist a need for students to carry a mobile phone on school premises, their use is to be governed as per the guidelines.

Mobile phones are also a medium for bullying and inappropriate usage and as such will be strictly controlled within the school environment, as per the guidelines.

### **Guidelines for students having a mobile phone on the school premises:**

1. Sole responsibility for phone security lies with the owner of the phone
2. Phones are to remain 'turned off' and secured in school bags, unless otherwise advised by class teachers
3. Phones used, without consent, during school time will be confiscated and be available for collection, by the student, from the office at the end of the day. Students will be given a notification slip to inform parents of the confiscation

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### **PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION**

Your child had their mobile phone confiscated today and placed in the office for collection after school as they were found with it on their person, in breach of the above policy. Please discuss and reinforce the above with them.

**Details -** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please sign and return this slip to administration to acknowledge receipt.

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Student Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date