

HILDER ROAD STATE SCHOOL



Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones & other Electronic Equipment

It is an expectation of the Hilder Road State School Community – P&C, the Principal & Staff – that all students abide by the Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones & other Electronic Equipment Policy. A parent / caregiver application to enrol at Hilder Road State School is taken as acceptance of this policy.

Rationale

The use of mobile phones, pagers, portable CD's, MP3 players, I pods, Personal Digital Assistants and similar electronic devices in class are disruptive to the learning environment of all students and must not be used. Students wishing to use these devices in special circumstances should negotiate with their teacher, Deputy or Principal.

Implications

- It is acknowledged that there are times when parents need to contact their children for emergencies or confirm pick ups. The school office will accept calls and pass messages to students via their teachers.
- Mobiles are not to be used during class time without the express permission of the Principal.
- In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere that a normal camera would be considered inappropriate.
- The school will provide a school mobile for staff to take on excursions, camps and extracurricular activities. If necessary, parents can contact teachers regarding their children via the school mobile phone.
- Students are not to take mobile phones on excursions, camps or extracurricular activities.

Responsibilities

- Mobile phones and other electronic equipment are used at the owners' risk.
- No liability will be accepted by Hilder Road State School in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the school's negligence.

Non-Compliance

- Appropriate action will be taken or initiated against any community member, staff member or student who photographs or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any staff or student who uses a mobile phone to harass or bully another staff member or student. (See Responsible Behaviour Plan).