



Mobile Phone Policy

Purpose and Scope

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School is implementing this policy to ensure responsible use and security of mobile phones by students at school and related school activities. The policy applies to students of the school while they are in class, on school grounds or involved in school activities on or off campus.

Rationale

The increased ownership of mobile phones requires that we take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly. While it is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that their child can contact them in emergency situations or in risk situations involving personal security and safety, this is not necessary during the school day when students have access to school phones and personnel.

Mobile Phone Use

1. In order for a student to be permitted to have a mobile phone at school, their parents must first have signed the Mobile Phone Permission Slip, have read and understood St Benedict's Mobile Phone Policy and returned their slip to the office. A register of these forms will be kept in the school office.
2. Use of a mobile phone between 8:20am – 2:45pm is strictly prohibited. During this time mobile phones must be switched off
3. Mobile phones must be clearly marked, with the name of the student and are the responsibility of the student. The school accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones at, or en-route to, or from school.
4. If a student is found with a mobile phone in breach of this policy, it will be reported to the Principal. On the first stance a warning will be used to the student. Any subsequent breach of this policy, the mobile phone will be confiscated and it will be held in the school office until a parent formally requests its return from the Principal. Subsequent breaches of this policy will result in the student's mobile phone being held by the Principal until a parent formally requests its return and the right to bring a mobile phone to school may be revoked for a time determined by the Principal.
5. The use of mobile phones to menace, harass or offend another person is a criminal offence. While on school grounds, students who use their phones to engage in personal attacks to harass another person or take unauthorised photos or video footage or post private information about another person, will have their mobile phone confiscated and their right to have a phone at school will be revoked. The Principal may involve the Police should the mobile phone be used inappropriately.
6. If parents have to make contact with their son(s) or daughter(s) during the day, this is still to be done through the School Office.
7. It is strongly advised that students use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones. Students should keep their passwords/pin numbers confidential.

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's class teacher if you give permission for your child to have a mobile phone at school.

Mobile Phone Permission Slip: *Please return to class teacher.*

I hereby give permission for my child to have a mobile phone at St Benedict's Primary and I understand the scope and content of this policy:

Reason for use: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____.

Student Name/s: _____ Class: _____

Date: _____