PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY
(Mobile Phone/MP3/IPAD/IPOD etc)

Rationale:
• Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, mobile phones and other Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:
• To utilise the benefits of mobile phones and PEDs whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:
• Students are not to bring personal mobile phones/PEDs to school until the permission page in the student planner is signed by the student’s parent/carer.
• The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones or PEDs. The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones/PEDs into certain spaces or during certain activities.
• Mobile phones/PEDs owned by students and staff are brought to school at their own risk.
• Mobile phones/PEDs to be handed to class teacher at start of the school day to be locked away for safety purposes. Class teacher to maintain list of students with mobile phones/PEDs.
• Students misusing personal mobile phones/PEDs at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal. e.g.: photographing and/or video other students, cyber bullying.
• The principal may revoke a student’s privilege of bringing or using mobile phones/PEDs whilst at school.
• Student’s mobile phones or PEDs must not be brought to classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities.
• Student mobile phones are not to be used for private calls, during school hours.

• Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure that all mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
• The Teacher in Charge determines if student PEDs to be taken on excursions and trips.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

Emerson School Council last ratified this policy in September 2014