



PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

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.

Aim:

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.
- 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 videoing other students, cyber bullying etc.
- 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 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 are 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 **October 2017**