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MOBILE PHONE POLICY

RATIONALE

Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

POLICY STATEMENT

To ensure that Marulan Public School provides a safe environment for all members of the school community. Students and staff must know their rights and responsibilities and are expected to comply with the school's Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy.

The purpose of this policy is to utilise the benefits of mobile phones and Smart watches whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

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Teachers and principals should also be aware of the 2019 [review into the use of mobile phones in schools](#). Mobile phones are banned during school hours for primary and secondary students.

Given that many children require a mobile phone to travel to and from school, the school will ensure the safe storage of child's mobile device during school hours.

The school recommends that, where a parent wishes their child to take a smartphone to and from a primary school, they should opt either to purchase a 'dumb' phone or other device without internet access or a camera, or alternatively use parental controls to deactivate the camera and internet functionality on an existing 'smart' device.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Students

1. Students are not to bring personal mobile phones or Smart Watches to school unless permission from the Principal.
2. Mobile phones and smart watches which are brought to school after this permission has been obtained must be handed in at the office each morning. The student is responsible for collecting the phone each afternoon.
3. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
4. Students misusing personal mobile phones or Smart Watches at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the Principal.
5. In these cases, the mobile phone/watch will be retained in the office until it can be collected by a parent.
6. The Principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones to school.

Staff

Teachers and support staff are obligated to attend to the needs of their students. Staff mobile phones can remain switched on and may be used in emergency or critical situations and to assist in monitoring student needs. Staff mobile phones should not be used for personal communications during class time.