



ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE & COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY

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ARPS POLICY

PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To ensure the effective management of personal mobile phones as important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment.
- 1.2 To utilise the benefits of personal mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.
- 1.3 To ensure students transitioning to secondary school have a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities relating to the use of mobile phones, particularly when undertaking BYOD (bring your own device) programs.

GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip, as per excursion and camp policies.
- 2.2 Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless permission from the principal has been successfully sought by parents who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone.
- 2.3 The use of mobile phones by staff, students and parents must not cause disruptions to classes or individuals, and must not cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school or disrupt school activities.
- 2.4 Mobile phones belonging to students are to be handed over to the office at the start of each school day, and retrieved by the student at the end of each day.
- 2.5 The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- 2.6 Students' mobile phones must not be brought to classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities.
- 2.7 Students accessing their mobile phone or communication devices
- 2.8 The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones to school.
- 2.9 The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones into certain spaces or during certain activities eg: exam rooms, physical education classes etc.

References:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/mobilephones.aspx>

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Principal _____

School Council President _____

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