Mobile Phone Policy - Student

Mobile phones offer students and families many advantages in terms of communication and personal safety, when used appropriately. However, mobile phones have the capacity to negatively impact on the learning environment and the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Whilst we do not encourage the use of mobile phones by students, it is the policy at Oran Park Public School that mobile phones can be brought to school only with the expressed permission of the parent and with the full understanding and application of this policy.

This policy aims to establish clear guidelines for the use of student mobile phones within the school environment.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Mobile phones must be turned off upon arrival at school.
2. Mobile phones must be handed over to the classroom teacher. The teacher will then store these in the storeroom and return them at the end of the day.
3. If students do not follow the guidelines, the phone will be confiscated and parents will be notified.
4. No mobile phones are to be used by students at school or while attending school activities, functions or excursions.
5. The school will accept no responsibility for the security of mobile phones brought to school, nor will the school investigate should they be lost, stolen or damaged.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS:

- Students assume total responsibility for the safe keeping of their device whilst at school.
- Students, who do not hand the mobile phone to the teacher, need to understand that no responsibility will be taken by the school to investigate any damage or loss occurred.
- Students must not use mobile phones to bully, intimidate or harass other students. This includes the use of photographs, videos, messages or any other means of transferring data.
- Students must turn off all mobile phones whilst on the school premises or during any school arranged activities, events or excursions.
- Students must not use their mobile phones to photograph anything or anyone within the school premises unless they have specific permission.
- Students must surrender their mobile phones if directed to do so by a staff member.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS

- Parents should ensure that their children are familiar with their responsibilities for the use of mobile phones.
- Parents are responsible for collecting the confiscated mobile phone from the school, after being contacted by the principal about the inappropriate use of the device.
- Parents should not contact their child via text, SMS or phone call during the school day. Parents can contact the school office if they need an urgent message relayed to their child.
- All emergency calls will be directed through the school office.