



# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

POLICY NO.	NO SPECIFIC CEWA POLICY RECORDED
POLICY NAME	MOBILE PHONE POLICY
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## RATIONALE

Mobile phones have become an important and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands there are times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school. Given the primary school setting we should consider their use in this context.

## AIMS

- The school aims to provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students.
- The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone usage does not disrupt this learning environment.
- To clarify the responsibilities of staff and students with regard to mobile phones

## GUIDELINES

### STUDENTS:

- In general, students should not bring valuable items to school as they can be easily lost or stolen which can be distressful for a primary age child. **While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school, Notre Dame Catholic Primary School discourages students from bringing mobile phones to school when no appropriate purpose exists.**
- Students remain responsible for all their personal effects whilst at school. When students enter the grounds, the school takes no responsibility for mobile phones. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.
- There are no reasons why a student needs to have in their possession or use a mobile phone during the school day. Mobile phones are to be turned off or in silent mode and kept in the child's school bag or left with the class teacher.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child can be reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

## SANCTIONS

The following sanctions will apply to students who fail these guidelines:

- The mobile phone will be confiscated (handed back to student or parent at the end of the day)
- Communication with parents regarding mobile phone use at school