



# McDonald Park School

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

- ◆ Our core business at McDonald Park School is teaching and learning in an environment free from unnecessary distraction and disruption.
- ◆ Therefore we prohibit the use of mobile phones by students during school hours from 8:30 am – 3:15 pm.
- ◆ Any telephone contact between parents and students during these times must be made via the school phone network  
Our telephone network enables messages to be delivered directly to classrooms when the need arises.
- ◆ Any use of mobile phones by students during school hours is a breach of the student behaviour code. Appropriate consequences will be applied including confiscation of the mobile telephone. Telephones will be redeemed out of school hours.
- ◆ Personal mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's risk. Neither the school nor DECS will accept any responsibility for loss, damage or investigation in such instances.
- ◆ Students need to give mobile phones to their teachers or to the front office.
- ◆ Staff will switch personal mobile phones off in class and during scheduled meetings.
- ◆ Teachers and support staff have access to the schools' mobile phone for excursions and camps.
- ◆ Parents, visitors and contractors are to switch their phones to mute or discrete when in public areas including classrooms, meetings, interviews and assemblies.
- ◆ Extenuating circumstances that prevent compliance with this policy will be negotiated with a principal.