

# HILDER ROAD STATE SCHOOL



## *Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones & other Electronic Devices*

It is an expectation of the Hilder Road State School Community – P&C, the Principal and Staff – that all students abide by the Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones & other Electronic Devices Policy. A parent/carer application to enrol at Hilder Road State School is taken as acceptance of this policy.

### *Rationale*

Mobile phones, pagers, portable CD players, MP3 players, iPods, iPads, personal digital assistants, digital video cameras and similar electronic devices have the potential to:

- cause disruption to the teaching/learning environment; and/or
- breach privacy laws.

**Therefore, it is highly recommended that students not bring mobile phones and other electronic devices to school excepting iPads for students in dedicated BYO iPad classes.**

Students who require the use of a personal technology device in special circumstances (for example to assist with a medical condition/disability or for a special project) should negotiate special arrangements with the Deputy Principal or Principal.

### *Implications*

- It is acknowledged that there are times when parents need to contact their children in the event of an emergency or to confirm pick ups. The school office will accept calls and pass messages to students via their teachers.
- If a student brings a mobile phone to school it must be handed in at the school office upon arrival and collected on departure, unless otherwise authorised by the Deputy Principal or Principal.
- The school will provide a school mobile for staff to take on excursions, camps and extracurricular activities. If necessary, parents can contact teachers regarding their children via the school mobile phone.
- Students are not to take mobile phones and other electronic devices on excursions, camps or extracurricular activities unless authorised by the Deputy Principal or Principal.

### *Responsibilities*

- Any student who brings a mobile phone or other electronic device to school must hand it in at the school office on arrival and collect it on departure, unless otherwise authorised by the Deputy Principal or Principal eg. students in BYO iPad classes.
- The school office will take responsibility for registering and securing any mobile phone or electronic device that is handed in.
- No liability will be accepted by Hilder Road State School in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the school's negligence.

### *Non-Compliance*

- Any student who fails to fulfil his/her responsibilities pertaining to mobile phones and other electronic devices will be treated in accordance with the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan.