

Mobile Phone Policy

As a school community we believe that the appropriate use of technology is essential in enhancing the learning environment at Altona Green PS

In an increasingly complicated world we understand that the ownership of mobile phones enable some families to feel safe and secure. They are an effective tool for communication between parents and their children at appropriate times. To ensure that the learning environment is not disrupted by the ownership or use of mobile phones we believe that there is a need to set some guidelines

These guidelines are as follows:

- During school hours the agreed effective means of communication is via the front office. Consequently the mobile phone is not to be used once a student is inside the school grounds.
- Our school would request that a student does not bring a mobile phone to school.
- If a parent wishes their child to bring a mobile phone to school then it is school policy that there is approval sought from the principal/assistant principal. Any mobile phone at school must be brought to the office, handed in as soon as the child enters the school grounds and the child then picks up the phone after 3.30pm. The phone is not to be turned on until the child is outside the school grounds.
- Children involved in daytime or overnight excursions are in the care of school staff and are not permitted to bring or use mobile phones.

If these guidelines are not adhered to by a student, the parents will be contacted and the phone will be confiscated and placed in the school safe at the front office until the end of the school day.

If the phone is lost, broken, stolen or used by any person, other than the owner, the school is not responsible.

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