ASHMORE STATE SCHOOL

POLICY FOR THE APPROPRIATE USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT BY STUDENTS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

At school and during school related activities, Ashmore State School bans student use of items which are illegal, dangerous, offensive or likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the school and the education of other students. Such items include the use of mobile telephones and other electronic equipment such as pagers, electronic games, compact discs, portable CD and MP3/4 players/iPods and personal digital assistants.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

1. Use of mobile telephones by students is restricted to before and after school.
2. Electronic equipment such as pagers, electronic games, portable CD and MP3/4 players/iPods and personal digital assistants are not permitted, and therefore must not be brought to school.
3. Mobile telephones are not permitted to be used during school hours.
4. Students must display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they use a mobile telephone.
5. Mobile telephones are not to be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
6. In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets.
7. Upon arrival at school, students are to hand mobile telephones to the office for security.
8. Students are to sign when handing in and collecting their mobile telephone.
9. Mobile telephones will be stored in a safe and secure place during the school day.
10. Mobile telephones are brought to school at their owner’s risk. No liability is accepted by the 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 department’s negligence.
11. Discipline sanctions will apply for students who breach this policy.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICY

- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- SM-06 Management of Behaviour in a Supportive School Environment – Schools and Discipline

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