Derrinallum College

Student Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale:

- Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:

- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:

1. The school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage of students' mobile phones.
2. Students are required to have their phones switched off and out of sight during class time, unless for educational purposes and with teacher approval.
3. Phones that are used or visible during class time without teacher consent will be confiscated.
4. Mobile phones and students using them must not cause disruptions to classes or individuals, and must not cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school.
5. Misuse of personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the Principal.
6. The Principal and staff may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using a mobile phone whilst at school, and must document reasons for such decisions.
7. The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones into certain spaces or during certain activities e.g.: science rooms, exam rooms, technology rooms, physical education classes, change rooms etc.
8. Students are not to use the school's mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
9. The school is to provide a safe accessible storage area for students' mobile phones that are confiscated or not allowed in certain areas. Documentation regarding the reason, student's name, teacher or staff name and clearly defined time restraints should also accompany each individual case.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by school council in...	19th June 2013