



McLaren Flat Primary School

USE OF MOBILE PHONES

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

Communication between students and people outside of the school are possible using a variety of methods. Our aim is to ensure that communications are legitimate, appropriate and support the safe learning environment of the school.

TELEPHONE CALLS TO AND FROM STUDENTS

- Any telephone calls made by students during school hours must be made via the front office or class teacher.
- Telephone calls from families or carers to children in school hours can be made to the front office. We can confidently assure callers that messages received prior to 3.00 p.m. will reach their destination.

MOBILE TELEPHONES IN SCHOOL

At McLaren Flat PS we understand that mobile telephones offer a service to some families. Safety and communication concerns demand that some students have a mobile telephone with them for after school communications.

There are, however, issues associated with mobile telephones. Issues include security, severe bullying and harassment, access to inappropriate material, interruptions to school operations and student perceptions of equity. Because of these issues, we prefer that students do not bring mobile telephones to school.

If a student is to have a mobile telephone at school, parents/carers are to:-

1. advise the teacher in writing that the child has a mobile telephone
2. instruct the child to keep the mobile in his/her bag and turned off at all times or handed to class teacher.
3. access the mobile telephone after school hours

Should students breach the policy, they will be subject to normal Behaviour Management consequences. The student will be instructed to lodge the mobile telephone in the security of our reception area for the rest of the day and parent/s will be asked to collect the phone from the office.

Parents need to be aware that the student remains responsible for their telephone, its use, abuse, loss or damage.