RATIONALE

There have been a few instances of mobile phones/electronic devices being brought into the school and used inappropriately.

Communication between students and people outside of school is possible using various electronic media devices.

In this context our aim is to ensure that communications are legitimate and appropriate, that they do not pose a risk for students nor interrupt the good order of learning time at school.

It is acknowledged that some students may require mobile phones after school hours for safety and communication reasons. We do encourage students to leave mobile phones at home unless absolutely necessary.

Provision is made for all student calls during school hours via the front office. Calls from families or carers can be made to the front office and messages will be passed on.

Students, staff members and parents/visitors/ volunteers in classrooms are not to use mobile phones in lesson times. Personal phones are to be switched off or to be on silent mode during these periods. The only exception is in an emergency where pre-arrangement is made with the Principal/ Deputy Principal.

The intent of the policy is to:

- effectively discharge our duty of care for students and adults
- guide decision making for best outcomes for learners
- ensure that all students and employees are protected from unwanted, unsanctioned communication in their place of work/ learning
- improve governance and accountability
- comply with legal obligations and DECD Administrative Guidelines.
RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Appropriate use of Mobile phones:
- Conduct Code
- Internet Use Policy and Agreement.
- Anti-Harassment / Bullying Policy
- Grievance Procedure
- Emergency Procedures
- Risk Management
- Child Protection

DEFINITION

This policy relates to the use of mobile phones and electronic media devices such as MP3 players, videos.

POLICY

1. Naracoorte South Primary provides communication access for students to parents/caregivers in the case of emergencies. Students can and do seek permission to access school phones during school hours when they need to speak with someone at home.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the school if they need to communicate with their child during school hours.

2. The school strongly discourages students from bringing personal electronic media equipment to school.

3. Naracoorte South Primary recognises that there may be times when it is genuinely appropriate for students to have access to a mobile phone eg emergency contact with parent/s out of school hours.

4. If a mobile phone or electronic equipment is used at school it should not be used in a manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.

5. Students do not require mobiles on camps/excursions as staff are provided with school mobile phones.

6. Parents/caregivers are asked to ensure that their CHILD UNDERSTANDS LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE UNDERTAKEN WHEN USING MOBILE PHONES/FACEBOOK.

7. No responsibility is accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage of any device.

PROCEDURES

Reception to Year 5

Mobile phones are strongly discouraged in the school.

Middle Years 6 to 7

1. Personal electronic media equipment is discouraged along with other valuable items being brought to school.

2. Personal electronic media equipment is not to be visible or used during class time.

3. At teacher discretion there may be occasions when a equipment such as MP3 players are used during class time (ie Music).

4. Etiquette/safe use of mobile phone/electronic devices is taught.

5. Inappropriate student use of electronic media equipment or device will mean confiscation of it and parents/caregivers will be asked to collect the device.