

SUNNYBANK HILLS STATE SCHOOL

Student use of Mobile Phones & Electronic Equipment

It is an expectation of the Sunnybank Hills State School Community (P&C, Principal & Staff) – that all students use mobile telephones & other electronic equipment appropriately as set out in this policy.

The use of mobile telephones, MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants and similar electronic devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of all students. They should not be used in class. Students wishing to use these devices will bring them to the school office each morning and sign a register and leave them there for the day. At 3pm each day these items will be collected by the students and signed out.

It is acknowledged that there are times when it is beneficial for students to have access to a mobile telephone eg. for parent contact in emergencies or to confirm pick ups. It is for this reason they are not banned, but it must be clearly understood they are brought into school at the family's risk.

Cameras in mobile telephones are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate. Remember that one of our four school rules is *Respect for Others*.

This policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

Responsibilities

- Mobile telephones and other electronic equipment are used at their owners' risk.
- No liability will be accepted by Sunnybank Hills State 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 school's negligence.
- Teachers are not to look after them or take responsibility for their safe keeping.
- Students must hand in their phone at the office to be stored securely.

Non-Compliance

Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against any student who:

- Photographs or films other individuals without their consent
- Uses a telephone to harass or bully another student or staff member. This includes identifying another student, staff member or the school without permission.