



Mimili Anangu School

Mobile Phone and Mobile Devices Policy

Mobile phones and devices will be used appropriately by students, staff, AEW's, parent/caregivers and Community.

HOW WE WILL DO THIS:

Students:

- Student mobile phones/devices must be handed in to the front office as soon as a student arrives at school. It will stay there for the entire day and handed back after the final bell.
- Teaching and learning are our core business and for this reason, mobile phones must not disrupt classroom learning by ringing or beeping.
- Parents will be reminded that in case of emergency, the Front Office is the first point of call.
- Mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, and use the internet, take/send photos or any other application during school time.
- **Student phones are not to be taken into the yard at any break time.**

The school does not accept any responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged phones. The school will not be involved in disputes over mobile phones/devices.

Staff Owned Phones (teachers, SSO's and AEW's):

- Staff mobile phones should be switched off or turned to silent mode during lesson times and stored out of sight.
- Staff mobile phones should be switched off in silent mode during professional meetings or when they are engaged in professional activities.
- Personal phone calls or messages should not be taken or made while teachers SSO's or AEW's have duty of care for students – in the classroom, on yard duty or while supervising any activity on or off school grounds.
- *(staff to be familiar with and adhere to Protective Practices for Staff in their interactions with children and young people. DECD guidelines.)*

Parents/volunteers and community members:

- Adults who are participating in activities, meetings interviews or in learning spaces should have their phone switched to silent to avoid disruptions to learning.
- Photographs taken by community members must not be uploaded to the internet or published in any way, unless permission is sought from the parent/caregiver of the child.
- All parents and visitors are to take and make mobile phone calls outside teaching and learning areas

All members of the school community

- Student staff and community members with mobile phones/devices should not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS message, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, making phone calls or using social media.
- Students using mobile phones to bully or harass other students will face disciplinary action at school. This may include family meetings, suspension or involvement by SAPOL

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person.

Evaluation

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

The policy was ratified by Governing Council on **13/09/2018**