

# ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

## Rationale:

- As per State Government policy, Mobile phone use will be banned during school hours, for all students at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020.

## Aims:

- To help reduce distraction, tackle cyber bullying and improve learning outcomes for students.

## Implementation:

- Manifold Heights Primary School permits, but discourages, the bringing of mobile phones to school.
- Students will be required to switch off their phones and store them securely (on arrival) until the final bell. When emergencies occur, parents or guardians can reach their child by calling the school.
- The only exceptions to the ban will be where students use phones to monitor health conditions.
- Phone calls should be made from within the classroom, should a student need to contact a parent or guardian at the beginning or conclusion of the school day.
- iPads, including those owned by the school or by families participants in the 3 – 6 Bring Your Own Device program (BYOD), may be utilised in classrooms if sanctioned by the teacher for the purpose of the lesson.
- Mobile phone (and similar electronic devices) will be confiscated, and stored securely for collection by the student at the end of the school day if they are sighted or used during school time (this includes excursions, camps and activities off school grounds), except when permission has been provided by the classroom teacher, or the teacher in charge of the activity.
- Refusal to hand over an electronic device to a teacher for confiscation will result in a disciplinary procedure.
- Neither the Department of Education or Manifold Heights Primary School have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. As such we accept no liability in the event of lost, stolen or damaged electrical devices, and will not reimburse staff or students in this instance.

## Evaluation:

- School Council will review, as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....

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