Student Use of Mobile Phones Policy

Rationale
Toorak Primary School recognises that many students and their families own a mobile phone. It is also understood that some parents/guardians request that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety/security reasons. It is important however that teaching and learning can be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions, and so, mobile phones will only be permitted to be brought to school where their usage is not detrimental to students or their learning.

Purpose
To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones at Toorak Primary School and provide guidelines for their use.

Guidelines
- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless permission from the principal has been successfully sought by parents who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone
- Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner’s risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones
- Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight during classes and students will be required to check their mobile phone into the school office for storage during school hours
- Students can only use their mobile phones when usage will not disrupt the normal school routine, therefore usage is limited to before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks
- Students must not take any photographs or film other students or school community members without their consent or send harassing or threatening messages
- Mobile phones must not be used in banned spaces for example changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools
- Students will display courtesy, consideration and respect for others when using a mobile phone
- Misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal who will determine consequences.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school.
- This policy must be read in conjunction with the Student Engagement & Well-Being Policy

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in October 2011