

LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Whilst Lalor East Primary acknowledges that use of mobile phones has become an important part of communication in everyday life, students do not need to bring mobile phones to school. Students are under the 'duty of care' of school staff at all times and any/all emergency messages are conveyed to students by staff. The presence of mobile phones in classrooms causes undue disruptions to curriculum programs and in some cases may lead to electronic bullying.

Guidelines

- the school cannot guarantee the safety and security of mobile phones at school
- the school will not compensate for damaged, lost or stolen personal mobile phones of either staff or students
- mobile phones brought to school by students must be signed in to the office on arrival at school
- student mobile phones handed in to the office may be collected after the 3:30 pm dismissal bell
- students who are found to have a mobile phones in their possession during school time will have them confiscated, they will be kept at the office and then returned after school
- staff attending excursions need to give their mobile phone number to the office and other staff attending the excursion
- staff should not be using their mobile phones during instruction time.

Evaluation

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

Ratified at School Council: August 2014
Review date: August 2017