Northern Territory Government

Rosebery PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale

The staff and School Council of Rosebery Primary School, recognise that many students and their families own a mobile phone. We also recognise that some parents/ carers request that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety/security reasons.

Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore the school strongly discourages the bringing of mobile phones to schools by students.

Policy Statement

All members of the school community will be informed about the appropriate use of mobile phones at our school.

Aims

Staff:

- During teaching time, while on playground duty and during meetings, mobile phones will be switched off or put on 'silent' or 'discreet' mode.
- Except in urgent or exceptional situations, mobile phone use is not permitted during teaching (or school office) working time, while on playground duty or during meetings.

Students:

- In general, will not bring valuable items to school, as they can be easily lost or stolen, which is often distressful for a primary aged child.
- Bring mobile phones to school at their own risk.

Implementation

- If a mobile is required for reasons of specific safety or urgency then students will be required to deliver the phone to the office before classes begin and pick it up again on completion of the school day.
- Any student found using a mobile phone in an inappropriate manner (bullying, harassing, intimidating) and/or fail to hand it in to the office for the school day, will have the phone confiscated and the parent/carer will be requested to pick up the phone.

- Related Technology: The procedure applying to the inappropriate use and security of mobile phones, apply equally to the inappropriate use of portable computer games, ipods and similar devices.

Resources

- DET's Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices in the School Environment Policy:

http://www.det.nt.gov.au/about-us/policies/documents/schools/school-management/mobile-phones-and-electronic-devices-in-the-school-environment

Evaluation

Our Mobile Phone Policy's effectiveness will be measured through implementation over a period of time.

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Developed by	Leadership Team