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Student Mobile Phone Policy

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At Walters Road Public School, we are implementing the **Off and Away Strategy** in relation to mobile phones. This policy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interactions. It has been developed in consultation with our P&C and in line with the Department of Education's Student use of mobile phones in Schools policy.

The implementation of this policy is a requirement under the *Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy*.

Policy Statement

- Students are not allowed to use mobile phones at school, including during recess and lunch.
- Principals will manage individual requests from parents and/or carers for any exemptions to the policy.
- Principals may allow students to use mobile phones in specific circumstances such as for an educational purpose, to achieve student health and wellbeing outcomes, or as part of reasonable adjustments to enable students with specific needs to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

Guidelines for Use

Students should only have a mobile phone at school with the consent of their parent.

Phones must be turned off by 8:50am and left in student's bags throughout the school day. No phone is to be on a student unless it is for a medical reason and the parent request has been approved by the Principal.

Students must not give their mobile phone to another student. The student who owns the mobile phone will be held responsible for its use.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones will include students using the phone during the school day, using mobile phones to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people text message, photographs, video or other data transfer systems/apps available on their phone. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the supervision of the executive and may result in a formal suspension warning or suspension.

Responsibility for mobile phones to school is at their own risk. The school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to a student's mobile phone or for investigating the loss or damage.

P&C Consultation: 18th September 2023