



**Henley Beach Primary School**

*Scuola Elementare di Henley Beach*

## **MOBILE PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

This policy has been developed by the School and Governing Council to protect the rights of children to learn and teachers to teach without distraction or threat to their safety.

The use of telecommunications technology has now become the norm rather than the exception for many of our families. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distraction or disruption. Therefore the school discourages the bringing of mobile telephones and electronic devices to school by students but we accept there are times when it might be deemed important. Our aim is to ensure that communications are legitimate, appropriate and do not interrupt the good order of the school.

### **Telephone calls to and from students**

Any telephone calls made by students during school hours must be made via the front office. Telephone calls from families or carers to children are to be made directly to the Front Office. We can confidently assure callers that messages received prior to 2.45pm will reach their destination.

### **Electronic Devices in school**

Henley Beach Primary School understands that mobile telephones offer a service to some families. Safety and communication concerns may necessitate that some students have a mobile telephone with them for after school communications.

There are, however, issues associated with mobile telephones and electronic devices on school grounds. These include, security, interruptions to school operations and student perceptions of equity and privacy. Because of these issues, we prefer that students do not bring mobile telephones to school.

The school will not use valuable teaching and learning time to:

- Police students and their use of mobile technologies
- Search for or take responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen mobile phones / electronic devices
- Accept responsibility for the penalties that children/families may incur through law if they choose to use the electronic device inappropriately



If you require your child to have a mobile telephone/electronic device at school,

- Mobile telephones/electronic devices brought onto school grounds are entirely at the owner's risk.
- Students are not to use mobile phones or electronic devices during school hours (8.30am – 3.15pm).
- Phones/electronic devices may be handed to the Front Office staff at the beginning of the day, at which time they will be stored in a secure place in the office. We accept no responsibility for damage or loss. Phones/electronic devices can be collected by the students at the end of the day.

Should the students breach the policy, they will be subject to normal "Student Behaviour Management" consequences.

**If students bring their mobile phones or electronic devices to school they do so at their own risk. Parents need to be aware that the student remains responsible for their telephone/electronic device including its use, abuse, loss or damage.**

## Staff

To model the commitment to the policy, staff members have agreed not to use mobile telephones during formal contact times. We therefore expect that all mobile telephones are switched off in classrooms or during scheduled meetings, except as pre-arranged with the Principal or Deputy Principal.

## Parents, Visitors and Contractors

All parents, visitors and contractors are to take and make mobile phone calls outside teaching and learning areas and outside of office areas to minimise disruption to the learning environment.

It is your responsibility to support the School and Governing Council Policy to maintain the safe and welcoming learning environment of Henley Beach Primary School.

