



## **CARNEGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Handheld Electronic Devices Policy**

#### **Rationale:**

- Mobile phones and other electronic devices are important modern day communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

#### **Aims:**

- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones and other electronic devices whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

#### **Implementation:**

- The school will purchase and maintain enough mobile telephones and service contracts to satisfy its needs.
- Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education and Early Childhood Development information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure adequate mobile phones accompany each trip.
- Student mobile phones and other electronic devices should be switched off and handed into the teacher at the start of each day and therefore should not be in a child's possession during normal school hours.
- Students should not use their electronic devices and mobile phones before and after school whilst in the school grounds.
- Students may negotiate appropriate use of some electronic devices to facilitate learning.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones and other electronic devices.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones and other electronic devices at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal/classroom teacher may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones and other electronic devices whilst at school.

#### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review process.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... August 2012