Mobile Phones

We understand that a variety of social changes have made it necessary for some students to carry mobile phones. Personal safety, family circumstances, limited public transport, moving between family residences all make readily accessible contact a necessity.

It is assumed that a mobile phone will only be brought to school when this kind of necessity arises.

At Attadale Primary School we require the following in order for mobile phone use to be considered responsible:

- any essential contact with a student during the school day must be made through the school office;
- the phone must be handed to the teacher at the beginning of the school day, so that it can be kept safely in a drawer of the teacher’s desk;
- the student will not have access to the mobile at all during school hours;
- each student’s mobile phone must have a clear identifying mark to distinguish it from other students’ phones;
- while the teacher will exercise due care for security in the course of the day, the school can not be held responsible for the loss or misplacement of a mobile phone.

A Formal Request form must be obtained from the school office before any student will be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. This form outlines the responsibilities of the family and is required to be signed by both student and parent[s] prior to permission being given.
Formal Request
for permission to bring a mobile phone to school

The Principal
Attadale Primary School
Wichmann Road
Attadale 6156

We wish to request that our child …………………………………………
[Full Name]
be permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

We understand that …………………………………...... [student] will be required to place the phone in the
class teacher’s desk at the beginning of each day; and we accept that while all care will be taken to keep
the room and desk secure, we will not hold the school responsible in the event of loss or misplacement
of the phone.

We have arranged for an identifying mark on the phone to prevent mistaken identity with any other
student’s phone, and have made …………………………….. [student] aware that the phone must not be
used at all during school hours. We understand and accept that all contact during school hours must be
made through the school office.

Family Name: [please print] …………………………………………..

Student’s first name . …………………………………………………

Student’s signature . …………………………………………………

Parent’s Name . …………………………………………………

Parent Signature . …………………………………………………

Date: ………………………………………………….

Notes:
The draft policy was initially tabled at the School Council meeting of August 4th 2010. It was formally
proposed at the November meeting of Council and accepted as policy [as part of the Behaviour
Management policy consideration] at the meeting of April 6th 2011.

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