POLICY PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF MOBILE PHONE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES - FOR PARENTS

Leumeah High School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile phone for reasons of safety in travelling to and from school. However, that should be the only reason for which mobile phones are brought onto the school premises. There has been a considerable increase in the number of mobile phones and other electronic devices being used by students in class and at recess and lunch. These items are not permitted to be used by students at any time whilst at school as we aim to limit the disruption to learning that they are causing.

To ensure the continuity of an effective learning environment uninterrupted by the distraction of mobile phones (or other electronic devices) and to eliminate the threat or likelihood of any threat to the safety or wellbeing of any person, the following procedures have been put in place.

As a school community we aim to eliminate the inappropriate use of mobile phones that could bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

It is strongly recommended that students do not bring mobile phones, MP3 players and the like to school each day. If a student wishes to bring a mobile phone, (i.e. for contact with parents whilst travelling to and from school) then the phone must be switched off from the time the student enters onto school grounds until the student leaves the school grounds at the conclusion of the school day. During this time, it is recommended that the phone be kept in a discreet place within the student’s school bag and that it should not be removed during the entire school day. This applies to all school activities whether at camp, on excursion, attending sport, carnivals or other such events.

If a student is found with a mobile phone, MP3 player or the like in their hand or on display at ANY time during the school day, then

- **1st infringement** - Confiscation and teacher sanction
- **2nd infringement** - Confiscation and After School Detention with teacher sanction. Parents to be contacted.
- **3rd infringement** - Confiscation until parents collect item with teacher sanction. Official caution to suspend for continued disobedience.
- **Further infringements.** Confiscation of item until parents collect plus teacher sanction. Disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by senior executive.

If a student requires the use of a phone to contact a parent during the school day he/she may request permission to use the school phone from the front office. This request will be considered for approval by the Senior Executive.

The usual communication between teachers and parents regarding illness, property, messages, emergencies or school issues remains via the front office.

The school can accept no responsibility for the security or care of mobile phones, MP3 players and the like. These items are brought to school at the owner’s risk.

This Policy is effective from Monday 12 November 2012

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