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Student Mobile Phone Communication Policy

It is the responsibility of students who bring a mobile phone or other communication device onto the school premises, to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document.

Responsibility

- Coromandel Valley Primary School acknowledges that mobile phones may be used as a safety measure out of school hours for children without parental supervision. **Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly, and assisted in any appropriate way.**
- The decision to provide a phone to a child should be made by parents or guardians. Parents should be aware if their child takes a phone onto school premises.
- Phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk.

Unacceptable Use

- Unless the school staff grant permission, phones should not be used to make calls, send or access texts, or for any other purpose during school hours. This includes between the time the child arrives on the school premises until 3:10 pm.
- Phones are only allowed to display appropriate (G rated) content.
- Phones are not to be taken to school camps, excursions or other functions unless the school grants permission.

Any student who is found to have on them or be using a phone during school time, without permission, will have their device confiscated and returned to the parent/guardian upon request. Students will face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by school leadership.

If illegal material or activities are suspected during phone use, it may be necessary for the school to inform the police and hold securely personal items for potential examination by police. Such actions may occur even if the incident occurs off-site and/or out of school hours.

Acceptable Use

- Phones are to be switched off during school time and kept in student bags or handed in to the class teacher upon arrival in the morning.
- If permission is given for a mobile phone to be used to as a part of student learning, it is then considered to be a device that falls under the BYOD agreement. Students and parents must carefully read and sign the agreement (separate document) before this is to occur.
- If this is the case, students may only access the Internet or applications via the school's WIFI system. They must not use 3G/4G where they have access to unfiltered Internet. The phone/device must have restrictions on it that comply with the Department for Education standards.