



KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale:

- Student well being and safety is a central consideration at Katherine High. Mobile phones have been used extensively at Katherine High School to promote anti social behaviour and for harassment and bullying consequently undermining this core element of our operation. We intend banning them from Katherine High School for semester 2 2008 as part of an overall strategy to help promote student safety and well being.

Aims:

- To promote the emotional safety of students attending Katherine High School through denying access of students to mobile phones through the school day.

Implementation:

- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless permission from the principal has been successfully sought by parents. Students are to hand phones into staff in the book room arrive at school. The phones will be stored securely during the day and returned to students at the end of the day. Students will be issued with a receipt which is to be handed in when the phone is collected in the afternoon.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- Students who bring phones to school without permission will have them confiscated. These phones will be returned to parents along with a letter of explanation regarding the policy.
- Repeated breaches of the school policy on mobile phones will lead to escalating consequences in line with our Behaviour Management Policy, this could include suspension for failure to follow a reasonable request.

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

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