

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY



The use of student mobile phones at Thiele Primary School.

Thiele Primary School accepts that parents may provide their child with a mobile phone for a variety of reasons and purposes. In the main this is to communicate safety or emergency situations to the parent or changes in after school hour's pick up arrangements.

Thiele Primary School will neither encourage nor discourage such communication before and after school hours of 8.30am and 3.00pm.

As a duty of care requirement, Thiele confirms that communication during the school hours of 8.30am and 3.00pm will only be done through the school telephones, with the knowledge of Office or teaching staff. Where appropriate this can be in private or confidential environment. As a consequence all student mobile phones must be turned off during school hours. Students may access their messages after 3.00pm and outside school buildings. *Students are asked to hand their mobile phones into the class teacher before school and to collect them at the end of the day.*

While being aware that student may bring mobile phones onto school grounds, Thiele Primary School will take no responsibility for their security or storage.

The use of a mobile phone by a student in school hours, between 8.30am and 3.00pm, will be seen as a behaviour issue. The consequence for such a digression will be a **Time Out** with the mobile removed from the student and will be returned to the parent or nominated adult on request.