



HOMEBUSH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student use of Mobile Phones and other Electronic Devices Policy

There is a range of rapidly changing portable technology available today including mobile telephones, digital cameras, MP3 players/iPods, personal digital assistants and other similar devices.

Most of these devices are not imperative for a primary school student's education or welfare. Unless specific circumstances exist, these devices should not be brought to school. The devices are usually expensive and desired by other students.

However, Homebush Public School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school. If parents or carers allow their children to bring a mobile phone to school, they should be aware that:

- the school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of the phone. School staff do not have the resources, training, authority or time to investigate loss or damage.
- the phone should not be used at all during school hours. It should be turned off or switched to "silent". (Urgent messages can always be forwarded to students if parents or carers phone the school office.)
- the phone should be kept in an discreet place (eg school bag) and students should not advertise that they have a phone at school.
- inappropriate use of the phone, inappropriate messaging or inappropriate use of a built-in camera will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will always include the student being required to "hand in" the phone and parents requested to collect it from the office.