

Our Lady of Lourdes, Baulkham Hills South

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

1. RATIONALE

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School endeavours to provide children with a safe and happy environment. In line with Gospel Virtues, the school's Mission Statement, Values Statement and Pastoral Care Policy, the staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School support their right to determine what is appropriate for children to use during the period of the day when they (staff) have duty of care. With this in mind, the school has devised a policy that states what the school considers to be appropriate in terms of the use of mobile phones.

2. AIM

To ensure the appropriate use of mobile phones by students during school hours.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

The following will be implemented:

- 3.1 *No child is to bring a mobile phone to school without the written permission of the parent stating the necessity to have a phone at school. This letter is to be given to his / her class teacher to inform them that the child has a phone on the school grounds*
- 3.2 *The phone is to be switched off at school and kept out of view at all times*
- 3.3 *No calls are to be made or messages sent throughout the day. All contact with children by parents should be via the school office*
- 3.4 *No phone is to be used in class, taken onto the playground at recess or lunch, or taken to any event where children are in the care and supervision of school personnel*
- 3.5 *Mobile phones that also have an inbuilt camera are not under any circumstances to be used for that purpose by any child while that child is in the care and supervision of school personnel*
- 3.6 *The school does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of any mobile phone*