MOBILE PHONE POLICY
PASCOE VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale:

The increased ownership of mobile phones requires that teachers, students and parents take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly.

Aims:

To manage the use of mobile phones in order to ensure student safety and to eliminate potential disruption to the learning environment.

Implementation:

- Mobile phones may only be used before and after school hours.
- Mobile phones should be switched off and out of sight during school hours.
- Students are required to mark their mobile phone clearly with their names.
- Students who bring a mobile phone onto school premises should store it in their bags during school hours.
- If a student is seen to be using a mobile phone during school hours, the phone will be confiscated for the remainder of the day.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
- Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school camps or to any excursions and extra curricula activities. If taken, teachers are permitted to confiscate them for the duration of the camp/excursion.
- As many mobile phones now operate as cameras and have internet access, students are not permitted to use the phones for these purposes. If observed using this technology, teachers are permitted to request the student deletes the photographs (and may be observed while doing so) or confiscate the phone for the duration of the school hours.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed in 2014 as part of the annual review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on the 4th September 2013.