



TIRIMOANA SCHOOL

CELL PHONE POLICY

RATIONALE:

The school is committed to banning cell phones during school hours, in line with government policy to reduce distractions to student learning.

PURPOSES:

The School and Board recognise:

1. The need to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential distraction and cyber-bullying.
2. The need to ensure students do not use or access phones while they are attending school, including morning tea and lunch breaks.

GUIDELINES:

1. It is strongly recommended that students do not bring these devices to school.
2. If a student needs to bring a cell phone to school for emergency contact or health reasons, these must be handed into the school office when they arrive at school daily.
3. Students collect their cell phone at the end of the day from the office.
4. Teachers will not be responsible for the storage of cell phones.
5. If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the front office.
6. If students make the decision to bring a cell phone to school, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused by cell phones.
7. In matters related to a student's immediate health and safety concerns, a parent or caregiver can apply at any time to the principal for a period of exemption (e.g., medical conditions or protection issues)
8. No cell phones are permitted on school trips.
9. If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately or without permission during the school day, we will confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or guardian.
10. Breaches of the cell phone rules include (but not limited to):
 - Using the device when not permitted
 - any sort of bullying, including online bullying
 - taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
 - forwarding inappropriate messages or content

NELP Objective 1, Priority 1,3; Objective 2, Priority 1,3

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