Mobile Phone Policy

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Review Date: 2014
While it is understandable that some parents/carers provide mobile phones to their children for safety and other reasons, Tambrey Primary School must protect the safety of all students in our care and the maintenance of good order in our school.

Not only is mobile phone use disruptive, using mobile cameras (still and video) to film people and their activities without their knowledge and/or permission is an invasion of privacy and will not be permitted.

It is the clearly stated expectation of the Director General of the Department of Education and Training, Western Australia to suspend immediately any student found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises.

**Contacting a Student**

If a parent/carer needs to contact their child urgently they should do this through the front office on 9144 2020. Our office staff will record the contact details of the parent/carer and then contact the class teacher to send the child to the office or pass on the message (whichever is appropriate).

If the child cannot be contacted the school officer will contact the parent/carer immediately.

Please refrain from contacting students during class time as this disrupts the teaching and learning process.

**Mobile Phones**

It is our preference to have all mobile phones taken care of during the day by a deputy principal. Phones should be handed in before school commences for the day and picked up after the final siren.

If you decide that your child needs to have their phone with them during the day the following conditions apply:

- Mobile phones must be turned off during the day. This includes recess and lunch breaks.
- If mobile phones are on or used during the school day, either in the classroom or playground, they will be confiscated from the student for the remainder of the day and parents will have to collect them from the front office.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to a student's mobile phone or SIM card. Any damage or losses are the responsibility of the parent/carer.
- Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk.

This policy applies for all school camps and excursions.