STUDENT MOBILE PHONE AND MEDIA PLAYER POLICY
Clifton Hill Primary School
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PURPOSE
The Student Mobile Phone and Media Player Policy aims to ensure all members of the school community are aware of the appropriate procedures for student use of mobile phones and media players\(^1\) during school hours, on excursions and at school camps.

IMPLEMENTATION
Clifton Hill Primary School acknowledges that a number of students may own or have regular access to a mobile phone or media player. Clifton Hill Primary School recognises the convenience of mobile phones in allowing easy access between parents and students and providing a sense of security for students. It also acknowledges the value of media players in transferring data between home and school and for listening to music when travelling to and from school.

These procedures are to be followed if students need to bring mobile phones or media players to school:

- Written parental permission is to be provided.
- Phones and media players are to be handed in at the office or to the student’s classroom teacher prior to 9.00am and collected at 3.30pm.
- Mobile phones and media players will be stored in a secure location.
- The school will take no responsibility for mobile phones and media players brought to school by students.

A student found using a mobile phone or media player during school hours will have the device confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. Parents will be informed and requested to discuss an appropriate course of action with the relevant staff member.

Mobile phones and media players will not be permitted on school excursions or on school camps due to concerns about the possibility of theft and/or misuse. During excursions and/or camps staff members are in contact with the school office via a staff mobile phone. On all occasions, parents are encouraged to communicate with students via the school office.

EVALUATION

\(^1\) Media player in this policy is defined as an electronic device whose purpose is to hold data and play music. It does not have a screen that can play video files or games. A media player with a screen would be treated under the “CHPS Electronic Gaming Devices policy” and as such is not allowed at school.
The Student Mobile Phone and Media Player Policy will be evaluated every three years or earlier if required.

**REVIEW**: 2011