POLICY TITLE: Mobile Phone Policy

DATE RATIFIED: December 2011

REVIEW DATE: December 2014

RATIONALE

Whilst Essendon North Primary School acknowledges that use of mobile phones has become a part of rapid communications in everyday life, students do not need to bring mobile phones to school. Students are under the duty of care of school staff at all times, and any/all emergency messages are conveyed to students by staff. Presence of mobile phones in classrooms causes undue disruptions to curriculum programs and in some cases may lead to electronic bullying.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The school cannot guarantee the safety and security of mobile phones at school.
- Any mobile phones brought to school by students will be confiscated and returned only when a parent comes to the school.
- If there are special circumstances that lead parents to believe that their child needs to have a mobile phone for use before and after school then an arrangement can be made with the Principal.
- A parent is required to present a written request for a student to bring a phone to school outlining the reasons for its use.
- All pre-arranged approvals will require the mobile phone to be handed in to the office before classes begin and may be collected after the 3.15pm dismissal bell.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed in 2014.