Macksville High School
Mobile Phone Policy

1. Students are discouraged from having a mobile phone at school.

2. Should students bring a mobile phone to school they are encouraged to leave them at the front office.

3. Student mobile phones are always the responsibility of the student.

4. School staff will not investigate lost or stolen mobile phones.

5. Phones must be used appropriately:
   
   Generally, a mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it:

   a. Disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school
   b. Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person
   c. Its use is in the breach of the law

6. Mobile phones may be used appropriately before school at recess, lunch and after school.

7. Students failing to follow teacher's directions will have their phone confiscated and stored securely at the school.

FAQ's:

Q: What if I use my phone in class?
A: Teachers will send you to the office to hand your phone in until the end of the day.

Q: What if a parent or caregiver needs to contact you urgently or you need to contact them urgently?
A: All urgent student contact should come through the office. Phone 6568 1066 and the office will send a runner for you. This way the School can help you do what you need to rather than ask you questions that may slow you down. Remember social calls, or calls to see if you can go to a friends house are not urgent, these types of things should be prearranged in the days before.

Q: What if my phone rings in class?
A: Teachers will send you to the office to hand your phone in until the end of the day.
Q: What if I don’t follow my teacher’s directions with my phone?
A: You should always follow your teacher’s directions. If you fail to follow your teacher’s direction in regard to your mobile phone the school will follow the Welfare and Discipline policy regarding following the directions of Teachers.

Q: What if the teacher takes my phone and it gets lost or stolen?
A: You need to get a receipt for your phone from the office or the teacher who takes the phone. Once you have that receipt (it should have your name and the phone type recorded on the receipt) if your phone goes missing the school will replace it.

Q: What if I don’t want people to look at the contents of my phone if its confiscated?
A: If you use your phone at the wrong time and it is confiscated and you are concerned about the contents take out the battery or sim before handing it over.

Q: What if I use my phone to take photos or video?
A: That would be inappropriate use (for a number of reasons including being illegal at school) and a teacher can confiscate your phone at any time even at lunch (see point 5).

Q: What if I use my phone to text or make a call at lunch time?
A: This would be ok as long as you are not being inappropriate (see point 5).

Q: Can I listen to music, play a game or watch video on my phone?
A: Not during class time! At lunch you could, again you need to comply with point 5, your actions need to be appropriate for school.

Q: Can I charge my phone at school?
A: No! The School does not supply power for charging phones, computers cameras or any other private property.

Q: What if my parent or caregiver gives me a note to leave my phone on in class?
A: Students at school must comply with school rules; a note that goes against school rules can cause conflict between students and the School. The School will apply the school rules in regard to mobile phones at all times. Any urgent contact with students must be directed through the front office: 6568 1066.

Q: Whats the best way to get a non-urgent message through?
A: Send a text message that can be checked at recess or lunch.