



## **SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL USE OF MOBILE PHONES BY STUDENTS POLICY**

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**Next Review Date” March 2020**

### **Basic beliefs**

- The school's fixed phone system allows access, with appropriate authorisation, by students to phone communication if needed before, during and after the school day.
- Similarly, on excursions away from the school, teachers have either the school's or their own mobile phones, permitting student use in appropriate circumstances.
- 'Appropriateness' will be determined by the teacher in charge.
- It is acknowledged, however, that there may be circumstances where a parent might want a child to have access to their own mobile phone, e.g., if the child is travelling long distances to or from school, alone.

### **Implementation**

- The phone must be kept in the student's school bag during school hours.
- Use of the phone within the school grounds is not permitted.
- The student and/or parents are responsible for the phone's security while at school. The school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools, and does not pay for loss or damage to such property.
- This policy will be brought to the community's attention on an annual basis via the newsletter.