



# THE LAKES SOUTH MORANG P – 9 SCHOOL

## MOBILE TECHNOLOGY – ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

### Rationale

- The Lakes South Morang has established the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile technology that provides teachers, students and parents with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile technology during school hours. The Acceptable Use Policy for mobile technology also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

### Responsibility

- It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile technologies onto school premises to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document.

### Acceptable Uses

**Mobile technology should be switched off and out of sight during classroom lessons.**

- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the General Office remains the vital and appropriate point of contact.
- Students should only use their mobile technology before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks. If parents need to talk to their child during class time, they must ring the office.

### Unacceptable uses

- Mobile technology should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, take photos or any other application during school lessons.
- Mobile technology is not permitted in tests or exams.
- Students with mobile technology may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and technology calls. Students using mobile technology to bully other students will face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the School.\*

*\*It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile technology to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, if action as sanctioned by the School is deemed ineffective, as with all such incidents, the school may consider it appropriate to involve the police.*

### Theft or damage

- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile technology. Their safety and security is wholly in the hands of the student.

### Inappropriate conduct

- Mobile Technology Devices will be confiscated if breaches of this policy occur. A parent will be required to collect it from the office. Students who commit repeated offences will face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the school.

### Evaluation

This policy will be review annually

This policy was ratified by school council July 17 2007

*I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile technology at The Lakes School and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the mobile technology is used appropriately while under the school's supervision, as outlined above.*

Student name:.....Student signature:.....

Parent name:.....Parent signature: .....

Date: .....