Rationale

To explain to our school community Templeton Primary School’s policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students, at school or during school activities.

Scope

This policy applies to all students at Templeton Primary School.

Policy

Templeton Primary School understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

During school hours, mobile phones must be:

- Switched off, and given to their classroom teacher for safe storage
- Students will be given their phone at the end of the school day
- Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones during lunchtime and recess, unless otherwise authorised by a supervising teacher

Mobile phone use

Mobile phones must not be used:

- During class or assemblies or in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- To send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- To engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- To capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- To capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms and gym.

Students who use their mobile phone inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with:

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bullying Policy
• Social Media Policy

**Insurance**

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that Templeton Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones that are brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

**Camps and excursions**

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Templeton Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....  November 2018