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CRONULLA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY AND OTHER DEVICES Revised February 2019

Including the use of electronic watches, portable computer games, iPads, iPods, cameras and similar devices

Background

On Thursday 13 December 2018, the NSW government announced that in response to the recommendations made by a review team, the use of mobile devices during school hours will be restricted in NSW public primary schools. Primary schools will retain discretion to administer and enforce the restriction in the way that best suits their school community. Primary students can still take a phone to school but it will need to be stored and turned off during school hours, unless a teacher gives them permission. At Cronulla South Public School, this policy has been in effect since October 2016. The only change we have made so far is that the device must be switched off before it is handed in and we have included electronic watches in the list of devices. This is an interim change until further consultation at the next P&C meeting on 19th March 2019.

It is recognised that mobile phones are often given to students by parents, to enhance security of students, as they travel to and from school. Students requiring emergency contact with parents are able to use school phones under supervision.

Parents are able to communicate messages to their children during school hours via the school office.

Mobile phones may contain added features, such as camera, internet access, and these features are also included in this policy.

Students

1. Students who bring mobile phones or other electronic devices to school do so at their own risk and the school will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.
2. Students are required to switch off and hand in their mobile phone, electronic watch or other device to the office upon entering the school grounds each morning. There, they will be prompted to complete a sign in form. Devices will be stored in a lockable compartment in the office, until the conclusion of the day. Each device will be designated a tag with the child's name attached. It is the child's responsibility to collect their device from the office, after 2.50pm each day and complete the sign out form.

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3. A permission note, relating to the use of devices, is to be completed by the parent and is valid until the end of the calendar year.
 4. If a student uses a device inappropriately during school hours, discipline procedures in accordance with the Cronulla South Public School PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) policy will be followed, under the category of 'misuse of technology' in the attached PBL chart.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones or other devices refers to but is not limited to: disrupting the learning environment, threatening the safety, privacy or wellbeing of any person or being in breach of any law.

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Permission Note

Valid until end of School Year 2019

I/we give permission for my/our child _____ of class _____ to bring a mobile phone/ device to Cronulla South Public School for use before and after school hours to assist with safe travel and communication purposes. I understand that all mobile phones/ devices must be turned off and handed into the office upon entering the school premises and must be collected by my child at the conclusion of the day.

Type of electronic device

(please write the model, brand name, colour or any other important identification information above.)

My child is aware of the correct use of the nominated device as listed.

- The mobile phone or other electronic device is to be switched off and handed into the office upon arrival. The device is to be collected by the child at the conclusion of the day.
- All students who hand in a mobile phone must complete the sign in and sign out form.
- If a student uses a mobile phone, or any other device, in an inappropriate manner, discipline procedures in accordance with the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Policy will be followed.

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I/we understand that :-

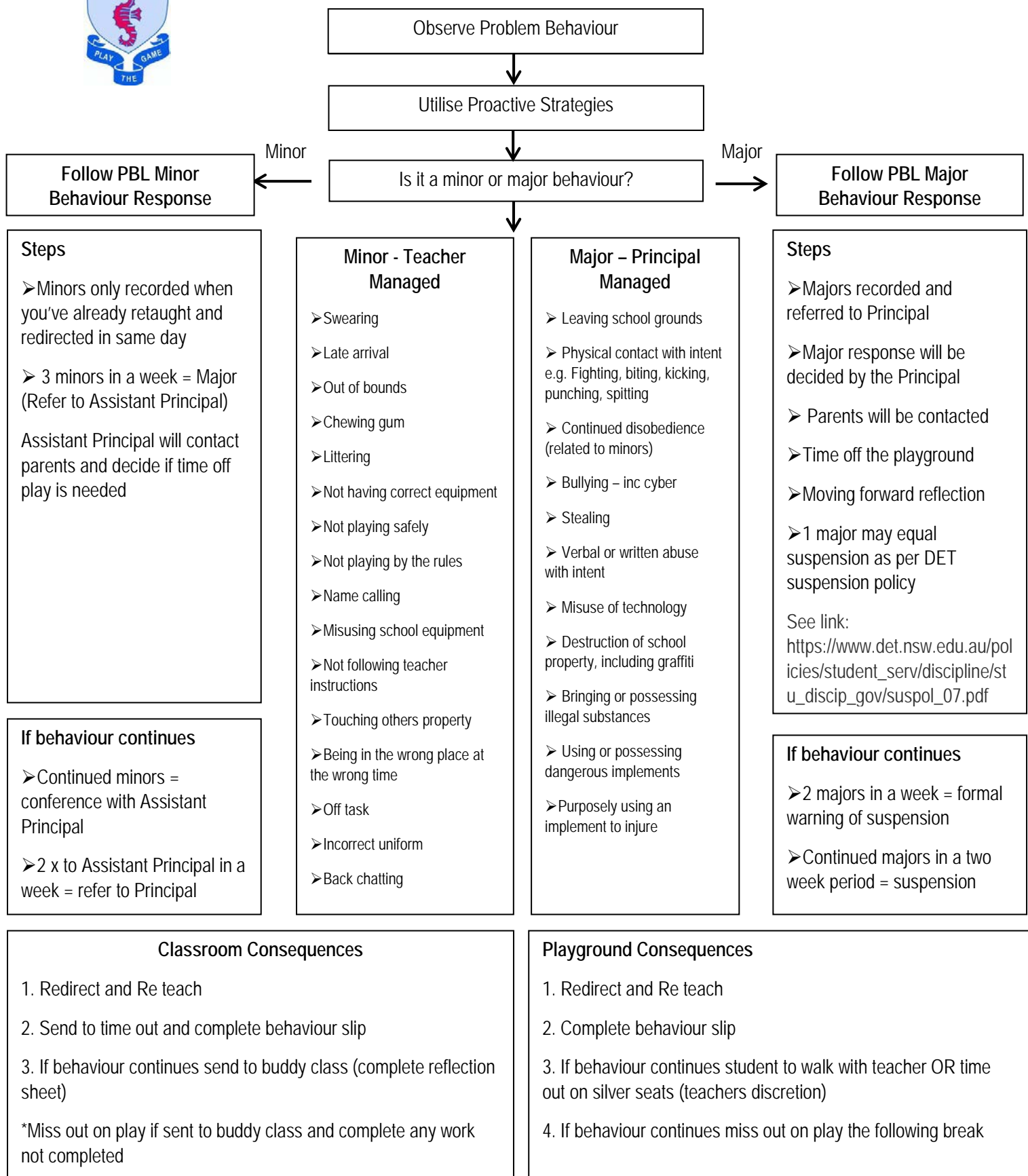
- students who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk and the school will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.
- If we need to contact our child, we can do so via the school office during school hours.

I have read through and discussed the above code of conduct with my child.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian) Date:



Cronulla South PBL Behaviour Management



Proactive strategies:

- Positive feedback to students displaying positive behaviours (4 to 1 ratio)
- Seahorse cards to reward active, safe and respectful behaviour
- Monitor student
- Short directions
- Non-verbal clues
- Move student from current setting
- Close proximity
- Provide Choices