

## **General School Reminders**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Blacktown South Public School for 2025.

<u>Permanent Textas/Markers at School:</u> Permanent Textas and markers including Sharpies and Posca pens are banned for students. Students should not bring permanent textas or markers to school or be in possession of permanent textas or markers on school grounds.

**Mobile phones and communication devices:** Students need to be able to attend school each day without the threat of being victims of online bullying. In addition, students and teachers have a right to be able to learn and work at school without being interrupted by personal mobile devices.

For these reasons -

- Mobile phone and watches are not to be used while at school. This includes phone cameras and watch cameras.
- Parents should not contact their children via mobile phone / watch during school hours. Please contact the office with urgent messages.
- Mobile phones and watches <u>– must be kept in the student's bag and should be turned off. They will not be minded by the classroom teacher</u>.
- Blacktown South Public School will take no responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones or watches.

**<u>Parking</u>**: A reminder that there is <u>no parking on school grounds</u> after 8:00am and before 4:15pm. I would also ask parents to ensure they park legally in the streets around our school and not in or across neighbours' driveways.

There are a few parents with permission to drop off and pick up within the school car park – these parents have been given special permission due to their unique circumstances.

<u>School Uniform</u>: Students are expected to wear the school uniform each day. Sports Uniform should only be worn on dedicated sports days or when specifically requested.

<u>Student Toilets:</u> These are for the use <u>of our students only</u>. If you, or a young pre-school child needs to use a bathroom, please see the office staff and they will be able to arrange a suitable facility for you in Block 5 or at the Library Block.

<u>School Gates:</u> All school pedestrian gates are locked each school day between 9:45am and 2:45pm. Parents wishing to access the school during these hours need to use the Flushcombe Rd pedestrian gate and buzz the office. The gates are unlocked for school activities and special celebrations for parent access.

<u>Valda Street Gate:</u> The Valda St gate <u>needs to be locked at 4.15pm each school day</u> and cannot be used for after hour school events such as P&C discos, Parent Information nights etc. The Valda St gate cannot be used by community groups operating in the afternoon, for out of school hours activities such as the music or technology groups.

Thank you for your cooperation in these areas.

Andrew Bowmer Principal