



Mobile Phone Policy

This Policy was developed in consultation with the:

- P and C
- SRC
- School Executive
- School staff
- Parents, students, and the community.

RATIONALE

Students who bring their mobile phone to school are expected to use it in a manner aligned to Endeavour's expectations including:

- be safe (care for others)
- be respectful (following teacher instruction)
- be a learner (digital equipment off and in your bag)

Note: Students bring their mobile phones to school at their own risk.

IMPLEMENTATION

- At the beginning of the lesson, the teacher requests that all mobile phones are off and out of sight.
- Student mobile phones must be turned off upon entry to the classroom for all lessons (both indoors and outdoors) and placed in their bag OR in the box provided by the teacher upon the teacher's request.
- Our goal is to discourage anti-social behaviour like cyberbullying and encourage face-to-face interaction and engagement between and amongst peers.
- It is acknowledged that mobile phones are carried and utilised by most students. Mobile phones may be used by students, at the discretion of teachers, to facilitate and support curriculum delivery. However, inappropriate use of mobile phones may result in confiscation of the device for a period of time. Repeated inappropriate use of mobile phones, and/ or bullying and harassment through the use of mobile phones, may result in disciplinary consequences, and parents will be informed.

INAPPROPRIATE USE

If a student is using their mobile phone inappropriately:

- ***Teacher Level***

The student will be directed to place their phone in the phone box on the teacher's desk. It will remain there until the end of the lesson and then they can collect it. A Sentral negative entry is made.

- ***Head Teacher Level***

If the student refuses to follow the classroom teacher's instructions, Head Teachers will confiscate the phone, write the student's name on a piece of paper and attach it to the phone. The phone is to be placed into the phone box of the respective Deputy Principal. The student's name is to be recorded in the mobile phone register located in the Deputy's office. Parents will be informed by the Head Teacher.

School staff will be supported at every level by the school's executive team.

- ***Deputy Principal Level (per term)***

<u>First Offence:</u>	<u>Second Offence:</u>	<u>Third Offence:</u>
Student to collect at the end of the day.	Parent/carer to collect device.	Suspension warning for Continued disobedience. Student is banned from having device at school for remainder of term.

- In case of an emergency, parents may contact the school's Administration staff by telephoning the Office (95240615). Students who have an urgent need to contact parents can do so at the Front Office or through a member of the school Executive.
- School staff will lead by example in learning spaces and in the playground and will refrain from using their mobile phones while in the classroom, on duty, unless to seek assistance from relevant school staff.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

- Parents/Caregivers who need to contact students during school hours must report to the front office or phone the front office.
- Students needing to contact parents/caregivers during school hours must do so through the front office.

Related Documents

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/smartphones-out-when-school-is-in-20180317-p4z4u3.html>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/may/16/schools-mobile-phones-academic-results>