



ANZAC TERRACE PRIMARY POLICY

Title:	Use Policy for Mobile Phones (Students)	Date: 2023
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Relevant Regulations: **STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY EFFECTIVE: 3 FEBRUARY 2020 VERSION: 1.0 FINAL**

Rationale

Anzac Terrace Primary School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school.

Purpose

The widespread ownership of mobile phones, (***mobile phones includes smart watches and devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear pods***) among young people requires that school administrators, teachers, students, and parents take steps to ensure that mobile phones are used responsibly at schools. As of February 2020 we will need to strictly follow the **Department of Education Mobile Phone Policy**.

The Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

Policy

Principals must:

- implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day (“off and away all day”)
- the student may be granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones: to monitor the student’s own health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan on advice from their GP or Specialist
- implement the following rules for students in different year levels: students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- require students to put their smart watches in ‘flight mode’ so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day;
- determine an appropriate storage approach for mobile phones for students from Kindergarten to Year 6; and
- will manage breaches of this policy in accordance with the School’s Behaviour Management Policy

Procedures

1. All student mobile phones are to be handed into the office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.
2. Students should mark their mobile phone clearly with their names.
3. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.
4. The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.

Sanctions

Students who infringe the rules set out in this document could face having their phones confiscated by teachers. The mobile phone would be taken to a secure place within the school and the student's parent informed. Appropriate arrangements would then be made for the parents to collect the mobile phone.

Repeated infringements may result in the withdrawal of the agreement to allow the student to bring the mobile telephone to school.

Guidance

For the purposes of this policy, ‘mobile phones’ includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school’s administration.

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Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones (Students)

Parent/Guardian Permission to bring mobile phone to school

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of mobile phones and other devices at Anzac Terrace Primary School. I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and that the details may be used (and shared with a third party, if necessary) to assist identify a phone should the need arise (eg if lost, or if the phone is being used inappropriately).

I give my child permission to carry a mobile phone to school and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the mobile phone is presented to the office for safe keeping. The phone will be turned off and it will be marked with my child's name.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student name: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Representative: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____