

MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Yinnar South Primary School

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Yinnar South Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones [and other personal mobile devices] during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Yinnar South Primary School and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. "For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches."

POLICY

Yinnar South Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Yinnar South Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.



Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Yinnar South Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.

Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Yinnar South Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

Please note that Yinnar South Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the [Yinnar South Primary School's Personal Property Policy AND/OR the Department's [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy.](#)]

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Yinnar South Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Yinnar South Primary School students are required to store their phones at the school office in the lockable filing cabinet.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Yinnar South Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies e.g. *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and/or *Code of Conduct* or *Bullying* policies.]

At Yinnar South Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, , and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- 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, swimming pools and gyms

Exceptions



Exceptions to the policy:

- may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,
 - Health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
- can be granted by the Principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#).

The categories of exceptions allowed under the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) are:

1. Learning-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
For students for whom a specific adjustment to a learning program is needed and a medical notice is provided.	Individual Learning Plan, Individual Education Plan and Student Health Support Plan

2. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition and a medical notice is provided.	Student Health Support Plan

3. Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a dual enrolment or who need to undertake intercampus travel and a medical notice is provided.	Individual Learning Plan, Individual Education Plan and Student Health Support Plan

Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.

Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Mobile phones cannot be used or brought to on camps or excursions at Yinnar South Primary School.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Travelling to and from school
- Wearable devices

COMMUNICATION



This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at staff meeting
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- *Student Wellbeing and Engagement, Code of Conduct, Personal Property, Bullying etc.]*
- [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#)
- [Weapons — Banning, Searching and Seizing Harmful Items](#)
- [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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