



# STUDENT MOBILE PHONES POLICY



## PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Heany Park Primary School's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students, at school or during school activities.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Heany Park Primary School.

## POLICY

Heany Park Primary School understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

## GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Students' mobile phones must be deposited at the office immediately upon students' arrival at school and collected just prior to exiting the school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones during school time

### Mobile phone use

- Mobile phones must not be used:
  - during class or assemblies or 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
- Students who use their mobile phone inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and/or *Bullying* policies.
- In some circumstances, students' mobile phones may be confiscated and stored securely at the office.

### Insurance

- Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the Heany Park Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage.
- Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

### Camps and excursions

- Students are not permitted to bring their mobile phones to school camps or excursions. Heany Park Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Digital Technologies Policy
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

## EVALUATION

Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Principal Team, as part of the Education and Policy Committee's cyclic review process. It will be reviewed in four years' time, or beforehand if a significant issue arises.

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