

Mullaloo Heights Primary School

Independent Public School



STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

(Appendix 2: Behaviour Management Policy)

Communication to or from parents or carers during school time of any issues relating to students is the responsibility of the school and will be managed by the school. Parents/carers who need to contact their children during the school day can contact the school in the usual way on 6206 2100

Mobile phones can be an effective means of communication between parents and their children before and after school hours. However, during school time they are a distraction to students and have the capacity to negatively impact on the learning environment and the safety and well-being of students. Not only is mobile phone use disruptive, using mobile cameras (still and video) to film people and their activities without their knowledge and/or permission is an invasion of privacy and will not be allowed.

While there may exist a need for students to bring a mobile phone to school, we must protect the safety of all students in our care and the maintenance of good order in our schools. Mobile phone use is controlled by the guidelines below:

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS HAVING A MOBILE PHONE ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

1. Mobile phones must be brought to the office for safe keeping first thing each day and may be collected after school. Sole responsibility for phone security lies with the owner of the phone.
2. Phones are to be 'turned off' when students enter school grounds and remain 'turned off' throughout the school day.
3. Phones being used during school time 8.25am – 2.50pm will be confiscated and be available for collection, by the student, from the office after school closes on the day of confiscation. Parents will be informed of the confiscation.
4. Any students found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended immediately from school.
5. Any students wearing a smart watch must ensure it is on 'aeroplane mode' while they are at school.

Parents are asked to sign the acknowledgement below to indicate they have read and understood the management policy as it relates to students with mobile phones on the school premises during instructional hours. Please return via your child's teacher.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

[Please complete and ✓ one]

I have read and understand the Mullaloo Heights Primary School Student Mobile Phone Policy.

I have read and understand the Mullaloo Heights Primary School Student Mobile Phone Policy but would like to be contacted to discuss the policy further.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date