



## Mobile Phone Policy

### PURPOSE

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

### GUIDELINES

This policy applies to all students at Vermont Primary School

Vermont 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.

During school hours, mobile phones must be:

- switched off, and
- stored securely at the main school office.

Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones during lunchtime and recess only, unless otherwise authorised by a supervising teacher or staff member.

### 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
- to capture video or images in the school toilets.

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 main school office.

### Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the Vermont Primary School and Kindergarten 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**

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Vermont Primary School and Kindergarten 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
- eSmart Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

### **REVIEW CYCLE**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with Department Guidelines.