



# PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

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# Student Mobile Phone Management Strategy



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# Why are we implementing this strategy?



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This strategy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions, and promote positive social interactions.

The implementation of this strategy is a requirement under the NSW Department of Education: Students' Use of Mobile Phone in Schools Policy.



# What does 'phones turned off and kept out of sight' mean?



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If students choose to bring their phones to school, they will be required to switch them off and keep them out of sight during the school day. Students will be required to keep their phone in their bag, not in their pocket.

This applies both in the classroom, and at recess, lunch time and the five-minute break, as well as throughout all school activities. This includes school-based activities at external sites, such as excursions.

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# How will the 'phones turned off and kept out of sight' strategy work?

1

Each morning your child will be required to switch their mobile phone **off** before entering the school grounds.

2

The mobile phone will then need to stay out of sight and kept in the student's bag throughout the day and cannot receive or send calls or messages.

3

Your child retains responsibility for their mobile phone.

4

After leaving the school premises, your child is able to switch on their mobile phone.

# Key questions

We know this is a big change and we are here to answer your questions!

But first, let's go through some commonly asked questions.



What if I need to contact my child?

A call can be placed directly to the school in an emergency.

Who is responsible for the mobile phone?

As your child retains their mobile phone throughout the day, they remain responsible.



Are there any exemptions?

Exemptions will be made for mobile phones that are required for medical or learning requirements.

What devices are covered as part of this strategy?

Mobile phones are the focus, but any paired device (airpods, smart watches) that requires the phone to be on will not be able to be used at school.



My child uses their phone to pay at the canteen

Students will need to bring a card or cash to pay.

What about school excursions?

The mobile phone management strategy applies to school excursions and events, unless an exemption is made by the Principal. If this is the case, information will be included in the excursion permission form.



What will happen if my child does not comply?

The school's Student Behaviour policy and procedures will be applied to your child.

What are the details of the Student Behaviour policy and procedures?

If the phone is seen and confiscated:

**First occasion:** The phone is returned to the student at the end of the day and the parent is informed

**Second occasion:** The phone will only be returned to the parent at the end of the day (between 3 and 4pm)



# How can you help?

- Discuss the mobile phone management strategy with your child.
- Remind them of their role in the process.
- Support your child by only contacting the office if you need to communicate with them during school hours.
- Raise any questions or concerns with the school team.



# Next steps

- We will be providing more information as Term 4 gets closer detailing all the finer details of the strategy.
- If you need any further clarification on this strategy, you can contact your child's Deputy Principal or the Principal.
- This strategy will be implemented at the beginning of Term 4.



# QUESTION TIME

This presentation will be available via email and the school website.

