

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES POLICY

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Grahamvale Primary School and,
2. All personal mobile devices that have not been approved by Grahamvale Primary School and/or classroom teacher for the purpose of carrying out and engaging in the teaching and learning of the curriculum.

DEFINITIONS

Personal mobile devices in relation to this policy are portable computing and communication devices such as smartphones and smart watches.

POLICY

Grahamvale Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile device to school, only for medical purposes or if they are travelling independently to and from school (for example in a taxi) and approval has been granted by the Principal.

- During school hours, personal mobile devices must be left with the class teacher or at the front office
- On the student if it is for medical purposes.

Personal mobile device use

Personal mobile devices 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, changing rooms, or any school related activity such as swimming and excursions
- during assessments.

Students who use their personal mobile device inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's Student Wellbeing and Engagement and/or BYOD policies.

In some circumstances, students' personal mobile devices may be confiscated and stored securely at the front office. In these circumstances, the mobile device will usually be returned to the student or their parent/carer at the end of the school day.

Students are permitted to access their personal mobile devices during class, lunchtime and recess only as authorised by a supervising teacher e.g. where personal devices may be used for medical purposes.

Exemptions

There may be circumstances in which a student may apply to the Principal for an exemption from this policy on the basis of safety and/or wellbeing requirements particular to that student. If this is the case, please contact the Principal.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their personal mobile device. Please note that the Grahamvale 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 personal mobile devices 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 personal mobile devices on overnight school camps or excursions. Grahamvale Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including personal mobile devices.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)
- [School Policy and Advisory Guide: Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 10th December 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2022 or earlier as required.