

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

*The Currajong School takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures, and practices meet all **Child Safe Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 1359 (2022)***

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community The Currajong 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 The Currajong School.

POLICY

The Currajong School understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school, with a carer or to extra-curricular activities.

During school hours, mobile phones must be:

- switched off; and
- locked securely in the front office where they can be collected when the student goes home.

Students do not require mobile phones to support eLearning, as every child is provided with their own individual iPad. Parents/carers can also contact the school directly to speak with their child if it is an emergency or leave a message and it will be passed on.

(a) 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; or
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, etc.

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 leader's office, if they are not handed in at the start of the school day.

(b) Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the The Currajong 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.

(c) Camps and Excursions

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. The Currajong School will provide students and their parents/carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as per our three-year review cycle or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

Approval date:	Approved by:	Next review:
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The Currajong School acknowledges the traditional owners of this country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.