



# Mobile Phones

## POLICY

Mount Pleasant Road Primary School

### A. Rationale:

- A.1. Mobile phones (and other personal mobile devices) are important modern day communication tools. Mount Pleasant Road Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.
- A.2. For the purpose of this policy, “mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

### B. Aims:

- B.1. Explain to our school community the Department’s and Mount Pleasant Road Primary School’s policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours

### C. Implementation:

- C.1. Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and are encouraged to hand them in at the office during school hours as there is no facility to securely store student phones in the classroom.
- C.2. When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school’s office.
- C.3. Mount Pleasant Road Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.
- C.4. Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately may be issued with consequences consistent with our school’s existing Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy. The Principal may revoke a student’s privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school.
- C.5. Inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours** that may;
- in any way disrupt the learning of others
  - involve sending inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
  - capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission

### D. Evaluation:

- D.1. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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