



THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and The Basin Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other personal mobile devices during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at The Basin Primary School and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. 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.

POLICY

The Basin Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At The Basin Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at The Basin Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at The Basin Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that The Basin 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. Refer to the The Basin Primary School's Personal Property Policy AND/OR the Department's [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, The Basin Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At The Basin Primary School students are required to hand their phones into the Office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.



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Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at The Basin Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies - *Student Wellbeing and Engagement*.

At The Basin Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours** and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- 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

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

[STUDENT WELLBEING AND ENGAGEMENT](#)

[Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#)