

Student Mobile Phone Management Strategy



Community
Presentation

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Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we gather today. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining us today.

Why are we implementing this strategy?

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

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



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



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.

This applies both in the classroom, and at recess and lunch times, as well as throughout all school activities.

OFF – switched off, or in aeroplane mode

OUT OF SIGHT – not in sight, not handled in any way

Air pods, smart watches etc may not be used or synced to laptops

no warnings will be given, immediate confiscation

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 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.

In limited circumstances, school staff can allow students to use their mobile phones in specific supervised situations, such as for a teacher-approved educational purpose (e.g. photography lesson), or to support students with specific medical needs (e.g. adjusting hearing aids, diabetes monitors).

Individual requests for exemption related to serious medical needs will be assessed by the Principal. Supporting medical documentation may be required.



What will happen if my child does not comply?

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

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.

If a phone is not off and away, it will be confiscated and given to the Deputy Principal for the rest of the day (first offence).

If further offences occur, a parent will have to arrange to collect the phone.

What about school excursions?

If your mobile phone is confiscated

First offence -The device may be collected by the student from the Deputy Principal at the end of the school day.



Second offence -The device may be collected from the Deputy Principal at the end of the day by a parent/carer of the student.



Third offence -The device may be collected at the end of the school day by a parent/carer of the student. Further disciplinary action will take place through the Deputy Principal.



Further offences will result in use of the school behaviour code and suspension policy.

How can you help?

- Discuss the mobile phone management strategy with your child.
- Remind them of their role in the process.
- Raise any questions or concerns with the school team.



Next steps

- We have sent a letter home with your child detailing all the finer details of the strategy.
- If you need any further clarification on the strategy you can contact Canterbury Girls High School or the school principal.
- This strategy will be implemented at the beginning of Term 4.



Early Leave reminder of procedure

EARLY LEAVE

If a student needs to leave early:

1. The student must bring a note from home to Office A before school and pick up the early leavers pass at recess or break time. An early leave request can also be made via the schoolstream app, or a phone call. All requests other than emergencies should be received by 8.40am. All requests after 8.40am should be made via a phone call to the Office.
2. The electronic roll will be updated and classroom teachers will be able to view early leavers. If a student does not have an early leavers pass or does not appear on the electronic roll they will not be given permission to leave class.

Absences due to illness are inevitable; however, absences from school for shopping, minding small children or family outings are not allowed. Dental and medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours, including Sport, wherever possible. Sport is a compulsory component of a student in Years 7 – 11 learning program, and, as such, attendance is mandatory. Notes for early leave requests on Wednesdays must be approved by a Deputy before 8.40am.



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Are you ready for learning?

It's as simple as 1, 2 and 3!

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3

After leaving the school, you are able to switch on your mobile phone again.

