

## MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

### PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Yarram 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 Yarram 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.

### POLICY

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

At Yarram Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must leave them in the office and have them switched off 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 Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Yarram Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.

### Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Yarram 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 Yarram 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 Department's [Personal Goods policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Yarram Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Yarram Primary School students are required to hand them into the school administration office.

## Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Yarram Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school’s existing SWPBS Behaviour Matrix

At Yarram Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**.

## Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

- may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,
  - Health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
- can be granted by the principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with the Department’s [Mobile Phones Policy](#).

The categories of exception allowed under the Department’s [Mobile Phones Policy](#) are:

### 1.. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan

Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.

## Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Yarram Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.]

## Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Travelling to and from school

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Mobile Phones – Department Policy](#)

## REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on October 2019 and is scheduled for review on October 2022.