



Mobile Phone Use Policy 2020

Rationale

An increasing number of parents/carers wish to provide their children with **mobile phones** for safety, security and/or emergency. This policy details the conditions under which these devices are permitted at Anna Bay Public School. The school reserves the right to amend this policy in the future.

While mobile phones are permitted at school, it is discouraged unless there is a very compelling reason to do so.

Principles

1. Students will only be permitted to bring a mobile phone onto school premises for safety, security or emergency purposes (*i.e. contact parents after school to arrange pick-up times*).
2. In order for a student to bring a mobile phone to school, parents/carers need to write to the Principal requesting permission for the child to have the device at school.
3. Mobile phones must be turned off during school hours, and are to be handed to the office before school begins and collected at the end of the day. Each phone will be placed in a zip lock bag with the student's name on it.
4. Mobile phones may only be turned on and/or used **out of school hours**.
5. While at school, students are the responsibility of school staff and DoE. Any instances that require emergency contact with parents **MUST** be through the appropriate staff member or a member of administration who will make the appropriate call to parents/carers.
6. Devices are not to be used by other students.
7. The school does not accept responsibility for any theft, loss or damage of mobile phones.
8. The mobile phone is not used for inappropriate purposes (*i.e. Students are not to take photos or videos on mobile phones on school premises or message friends or family members.*)

Inappropriate conduct

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile device to menace, harass or offend another person. Hence, students with devices must not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using messages, taking/sending photos, videos or objectionable images, and phone calls.

Students using devices to bully other students will face disciplinary actions as decided by the Principal in line with the Department of Education's Welfare Policy.

Students infringing on the principles noted above will have their mobile phone confiscated and secured. It will be taken to the front office and kept secure, and the parent/carer of the student informed. Parent/carer of the student may collect the device at their convenience.

Any incidents of inappropriate behaviours through the use of mobile phones will result in consequences as applied by the principal. The Principal may then withdraw permission to the student to bring a mobile phone to Anna Bay Public School for a set period or permanently.

Mrs Anna Swanson

Principal



**Student Mobile Phone Use 2020
Permission Note**

I wish for my child _____ of class _____ to have permission to bring a mobile phone to school in 2020.

Please provide a reason that a mobile phone is required at school for your child:

I have read the school’s policy on mobile phones and agree to the principles and consequences.

I understand that the school does not accept responsibility for any theft, loss or damage of mobile phones.

Parent signature: _____

Parent Mobile Phone Contact: _____

Date: _____