

SOUTH YARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES POLICY



PURPOSE

To explain to our school community South Yarra Primary School's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal mobile devices by students, at school or during school activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at South Yarra Primary School and,
2. All personal mobile devices that have not been approved by South Yarra Primary School /or classroom teacher for the purpose of carrying out and engaging in the teaching and learning of the curriculum.

Definitions

Personal mobile devices are portable computing and communication devices such as smart phones, tablet computers and smart watches.

POLICY

South Yarra Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile device to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

- During school hours, personal mobile devices must be switched off, and stored in the student's school bag.

Personal Mobile Device Use

Personal mobile devices must not be used:

- during class or assemblies or 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
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gym
- during exams and assessments.

Students who use their personal mobile device inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and/or *Bullying* policies.

In some circumstances, students' personal mobile devices may be confiscated and stored securely at the School office. In these circumstances, the mobile device will usually be returned to the student or their parent/carer at the end of the school day.

The Department's policy on [Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#) states that student mobile phones (which would include all other personal mobile devices) should be returned to the student at the end of the day.

Students **are not** permitted access to devices at lunchtime and recess

Insurance

Students are responsible for their personal mobile device. Please note that the South Yarra Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including personal mobile devices that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

Camps and excursions

Students will not be allowed to bring their personal mobile device on overnight school camps or excursions.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- SYPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement,
- SYPS eSmart and Cybersafety Policy
- SYPS Digital Technologies (Internet, Social Media and Digital Devices)
- SYPS School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)
- [School Policy and Advisory Guide: Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in August, 2019 and is scheduled for review in August, 2022.