

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Purpose

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

Scope

This policy applies to all students at South Yarra Primary School

Policy

During school hours, mobile phones must be:

- switched off
- stored securely in the student's bag .

Mobile phone use reminders

Mobile phones 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

Under teacher supervision and with parental permission, students may read from a reading device that has been brought from home. No wi-fi connection is available while at school. No insurance cover is provided for BYO devices by the school.

Students who use their mobile phone 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' mobile phones may be confiscated and stored securely at the General Office.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. 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 mobile phones 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 mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. South Yarra Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

Related Policies and Resources

- SYPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement, Internet and Social Media policies
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

Review Period

This policy was noted by School Council on August 14th, 2018 and is scheduled for review in 2021.