

MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

Bolwarra P.S.

PURPOSE

To outline and enforce the Department's and Bolwarra's policy requirements and expectations relating to students bringing personal mobile phones onto school grounds during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Bolwarra Primary School.

DEFINITIONS

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

During School Hours – 8am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday

Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission

POLICY

Bolwarra Primary School do not encourage but do understand that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Bolwarra before handing in phone:

- Mobile phones must be switched off during school hours.
- Exceptions may be permitted in rare circumstances, should the parent/guardian request it. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed to the school Principal. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the administration office is the first point of contact and can ensure their child is reached quickly and assisted in any appropriate way.

Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#), personal mobile phones must not be used at Bolwarra during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception (see "exceptions"), the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Secure storage

Student personal mobile phones are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Bolwarra does not have insurance for accidental property

damage or theft. Students and parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate personal insurance for personal valuable items.

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Bolwarra will provide secure storage in the safe located in the administration office.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Bolwarra will be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies.

Exceptions

In accordance with the Department's two categories of exceptions outlined in the [Mobile Phones Policy](#), exception can be granted by the school Principal or class room teacher around: -

1. Learning-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
For specific learning activities (class-based exception)	Unit of work, learning sequence
For students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability or learning difficulty	Individual Learning Plan, Individual Education Plan

2. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

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

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

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 11th December 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2022.