



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

BANYULE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Banyule 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 Banyule Primary School.

For the purposes of this policy the term 'Mobile Phone' applies to any device capable of making or receiving messages or calls.

POLICY

Banyule Primary School understands that some students may have no alternative but to bring a mobile phone to school in limited circumstances, i.e. if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities. The following conditions apply:

- During school hours, mobile phones must be kept in the student's bags or handed to the class teacher.
- Students will not be permitted to use mobile phones during school hours for any purpose, including as cameras, games, to send messages, browse the internet, or any other applications.
- Phones may be used to make and receive phone calls & text messages only, up until school starts for the day, and from the end of the day's class time onwards. Staff will make contact with parents should the need arise during the day.
- If mobile phones are used during school hours they will be confiscated and stored securely at the office till end of day. Repeated breeches may result in parents being asked to collect the phone or to cease allowing them to be taken to school.
- Students attending Before or After school care will need to follow the policy and guidelines of the service provider.

If mobile phones are used for any of the following involving another student, staff member or member of the school community (either during or outside of school hours) students will be issued with consequences consistent with our school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and *Bullying prevention* policies. The prohibited behaviours are:

- Sending inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- Engaging in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- Capturing video or images of people without their permission
- Capturing any video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms and gym.

Insurance

Students are responsible for all items brought to school, including mobile phone. Please note that Banyule 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.

Camps and excursions

Students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions without the written permission of the principal. Banyule 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

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in March 2019 and is scheduled for review by March 2023.