

Mobile Phone Policy

North Melbourne Primary School

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SCHOOL Nº 1402



PURPOSE

To explain to our school community North Melbourne 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 North Melbourne Primary School.

POLICY

North Melbourne Primary School understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

During school hours, mobile phones must be:

- switched off
- handed into the classroom teacher at the start of the school day
- Collected from the teacher at the end of the school day

Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones during the day, unless otherwise authorised by a supervising teacher.

Mobile phone use

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

Students who use their mobile phone inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's policies.

In some circumstances, students' mobile phones may be confiscated and stored securely by a teacher if they use them inappropriately.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that North Melbourne 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

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Special consideration for bringing a mobile phone for camps and excursions may be made in consultation between parents, teachers and school leadership. North Melbourne 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.