

Bonnyrigg Public School Students use of Mobile Phones in Schools Management Plan

To be Reviewed: October 2024



Overview

This management plan supports the following Department of Education's policy- Students use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy. The implementation approach for this management plan is consistent with the policy.

Pre-reading and reference documents

Students use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2023-0480>

Students use of Mobile Phones in Schools Procedures

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policyprocedures/pd-2023-0480/pd-2023-0480-01>

Rationale and Objectives

Mobile phone use in schools can impact student learning and wellbeing. Restricting mobile phone use at school aims to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

Bonnyrigg Public School has strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology, which maximises the benefits and minimises the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school. We foster a safe learning environment which supports and enhances each child's social and emotional health through our wellbeing and learning support teams.

Bonnyrigg Public School has elected to use the following approach. **All mobile phones will be handed in and stored in the school office for the full school day, including recess and lunch.**

The following procedure will be followed:

- Students sign their mobile phone device in at the front office using the mobile phone register on arrival.
- Office staff will place mobile phone devices in clear zip pencil cases, labelled with the student's name.
- Office staff will place clear zip pencil cases in storage container and place into the school safe for the day.

- At the end of the day, office staff will support students in signing out their device.

This is an approved NSW Department of Education option and will limit unnecessary distractions and complement our ongoing approach to ensure every student maximises their learning and social growth in a safe and supportive environment.

Exemptions

Bonnyrigg Public School understands there may be students who have a medical, wellbeing or learning needs which will require them to access a mobile phone as defined in this plan. In this case, the Principal/Deputy Principal and Learning Support coordinator will meet with each student and their parents and carers to determine where an exemption will be applied for on behalf of a student, as well as the adjustments to any school-based practices and procedures.

Contacting Students

Bonnyrigg Public School understands there will always be emergencies when parents need to get in contact with students or vice versa during the school day. We try to keep this to a minimum, with the exception of emergencies, to avoid disturbing the students' learning. Parents and carers can make contact with the school through the school office on **02 96101511** and via the school email: bonnyrigg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if urgent.