



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

PURPOSE

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

This policy applies to all students at Diamond Creek Primary School.

POLICY

Diamond Creek 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, and handed in for secure storage at the reception office as the student arrives at school each morning
- Mobile phones may be collected from the reception office after the bell to signify the end of the school day, or prior if they are picked up by an authorised adult for early departure
- no student is to have their mobile phone in their school bag or on their person during the day, with the exception of the students with Diabetes who need their phone in their person as part of the medical management of their condition

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, sick bay changing rooms and gym.

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 Prevention* policies.

If not voluntarily deposited at reception office students' mobile phones will be confiscated and stored securely at the reception office for the course of the school day.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the Diamond Creek 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. Diamond Creek Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, which will include advice regarding mobile phones.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Department of Education and Training School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This policy is listed for review as per the school's policy review section.

Appendix 1



DCPS Student
Wellbeing and Engage

Appendix 2



DCPS Digital
Technologies Policy.

Appendix 3



DCPS ICT
Acceptable Use Policy