



MOBILE PHONES AT OFFICER SPECIALIST SCHOOL

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Officer Specialist School 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 Officer Specialist School

POLICY

Officer Specialist 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:

- Handed to school staff and locked securely in the classroom cupboard.
- Collected at the end of the school day

Students are permitted to access their mobile phones only when 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, 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* policies.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that Officer Specialist 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 all 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. Officer Specialist School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to each special activity and event, including mobile phones. Parents and carers will be provided with a school mobile phone number so that teachers and parents/carers can communicate when needed.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy*
- *Internet and Social Media Policy*
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on _____ and is scheduled for review on _____