

MOBILE PHONES

POLICY

Rationale:

- To explain to our school community Mordialloc Beach Primary School policy requirements and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones or BYO devices by students, at school or during school activities.

Aims:

- This policy applies to all students at Mordialloc Beach Primary School.

Implementation:

Mordialloc Beach Primary School understands that some 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 into the office for safekeeping.

Collected at the end of the day

BYO devices should be used only when directed by the teacher for educational purposes.

Mobile phone and BYO Device use

Mobile phones and BYO Devices 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 and changing room.

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 and BYO Devices. Please note that the Mordialloc Beach 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 and BYO Devices 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. Mordialloc Beach 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.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....	2019
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