

Mobile Phones - Student Use Policy

Rationale:

To explain to our school community the Department's and Seville Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

Scope:

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Seville Primary School and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

Definitions:

A **mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. This includes wearable devices with access to cellular systems.

Policy:

Seville Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Seville Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched on silent and securely stored at the office during school hours
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Seville Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.

Exceptions will be granted for health issues where there is no other option.

Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Seville Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Seville Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Seville Primary School's Personal Property Policy AND/OR the Department's Personal Goods policy.

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Seville Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Seville Primary School students are required to hand their phones into the school office to be placed in a secure place.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Seville Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies: *Student Wellbeing and Engagement, Code of Conduct, Personal Property and Bullying Prevention*

policies. At Seville Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

- may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically, health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
- can be granted by the principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#).

Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan

Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.

Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Seville Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-School-Hours Care (OSHC)
- Out-of-school-hours events
- Travelling to and from school

Additional and Relevant Documents

[Mobile Phones – Department Policy](#)

[Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#)

[Personal Goods – Department policy](#)

SPS Statement of Values and School Philosophy

SPS Bullying Prevention Policy

SPS Child Safe Policy

SPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

SPS Personal Property Policy

SPS Camps and Excursions Policy

Policy evaluation and review

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

This policy was ratified by School Council in 2019.

This policy will be reviewed by School Council in 2022.