



## MOBILE PHONES

### PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Gardenvale Primary School's 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 Gardenvale Primary School.

### POLICY

Gardenvale 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 to the classroom teacher at the start of the school day
- Collected from the classroom at the end of the school day.

### 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.

### Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the Gardenvale 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 any school activity including school camps or excursions.

Unauthorised student mobile phones will be confiscated until the end of the school day or the completion of the off- site programs such as camps.

### RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

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



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## REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on August 2018 and is scheduled for review in 2021