

Student Mobile Phone Management



Student Presentation

Mobile Phone policy at MGHS

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Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we gather today, the Bharramattagul clan of the Darug Nation. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining us today.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal land

Why are we implementing this strategy?

This strategy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interactions.

The implementation of **this strategy** is a **requirement under the NSW Department of Education: Students' use of Mobile Phones in Schools** policy.



What does 'phones turned off and kept out of sight' mean?



If you choose to bring your phone to school, it will be required to be switched off and kept out of sight at all times during the school day. **Your phone will be expected to be in your bag, along with any wired or wireless headphones.**

This applies both in the classroom, and at recess and lunch times, as well as during all school activities.

Phone may only be taken out of school bags and moved to pockets when making a payment.

How will the 'off and kept out of sight' system work?

1

Each morning you will be required to switch your mobile phone off when entering the school grounds and keep it in your school bag.

2

The mobile phone then needs to stay out of sight throughout the day and cannot receive or send calls or messages.

3

You retain responsibility for your mobile phone.

4

After leaving the school premises, you are able to switch on your mobile phone.

How will the 'off and kept out of sight' system work if I need to make a payment?

1

At the canteen .

1. Move your phone to your pocket to move to the canteen. Keep it turned off
2. When in the 'phone zone' at canteen, you may get your phone out and turn it on to pay. The phone zone is within the yellow lines or barriers.
3. Once you have paid and before you leave the phone zone, your phone must be turned off and in your pocket.
4. When you get back to your bag, place your phone back in your bag.

2

At the finance office.

When you are at the counter you may get your phone out to make a payment. You will then turn it off and put it in your bag

3

At the uniform shop

When you have what you need you may get your phone out to make a payment. You will then turn it off and put it in your bag

Using your phone to make a payment is a privilege, not an entitlement. Students who fail to follow school procedures will be banned from making payments by phone.

What happens if I have my phone out?

1. Students will be given 1 verbal warning to put the phone away.

2. If the phone is seen or heard after a verbal warning has been given

The teacher will instruct the student to hand their phone into the Stage office where it will be locked up for the day. Students will be given a pass to collect their phone at the end of the day. Parents will be contacted. Students will return to the Stage office to collect their phones at the end of the day.

3. If the phone is seen or heard on more than one occasion.

The teacher will instruct the student to hand their phone into the Stage office where it will be locked up for the day. Parents will be contacted and may be asked to collect the phone.

Students failing to comply with teacher instructions will be dealt with in line with the Student Behaviour policy



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Are you ready for learning?

At Macarthur Girls High School it's as simple as 1, 2 and 3!

- 1**
Each morning you will be required to switch your mobile phone off when entering the school and put it away in your bag.
- 2**
The mobile phone then needs to stay off and out of sight in your bag throughout the day.
- 3**
After leaving the school, you are able to switch on your mobile phone again.

Are there any exemptions?

Exemptions will be made for mobile phones that are required for medical requirements.

Academic exemptions

In exceptional circumstances, teachers may request Deputy Principals or the Principal to allow an academic exemption for students who may be required to use mobile phone applications to complete mandatory work tasks. In such circumstances, teachers will supervise students to ensure that the devices are used under supervision during a specified class time and that parents are informed.

Medical exemptions

There may be students who have a medical, wellbeing or learning need which will require them to access a mobile phone as defined in this plan. **Any student who requires exemption will be contacted by their Deputy Principal and/or a member of the School Wellbeing Team** in order to determine where an exemption will be applied for, on behalf of a student, as well as the adjustments to any school-based practices and procedures. **Requests for exemptions should be made to Deputy Principals but will require medical certification.**

What will happen if I do not comply?

The school's existing Student Behaviour policy and procedures will be applied.

What about school excursions?

The mobile phone management strategy applies to school excursions and events, unless an exemption is made by the principal. If this is the case, information will be included in the excursion permission form.

Next steps

- We will be sending a letter home to your parents detailing all the details of the policy.
- You will see signs popping up around the school.
- This strategy will be implemented at the beginning of Week 7.
- If you believe you require a medical exemption, please speak to your Deputy Principal
- You can read the full policy [here](#).

