

POLICY STATEMENT

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Ratified by School Council: March 2020

Review date: March 2023

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Selby Primary 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 Selby Primary School.

DEFINITIONS

Personal mobile devices are portable computing and communication devices such as smartphones, tablets computers and smart watches.

POLICY

Selby 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 placed in the designated 'mobile devices basket' to be stored in the safes that are located in classroom teacher's office during school times.

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, gym or at swimming pools.

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.

In some circumstances, students' mobile phones may be confiscated and stored securely at the main office.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the Selby 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 overnight school camps or excursions. Selby 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.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Selby Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement – 2019.pdf](#)
- [Selby Primary School Digital Technologies - 2018.pdf](#)
- DET School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

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REVIEW PERIOD

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