

## MOBILE PHONES 2022-2025

### Child Safe Standards

Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school.

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafes>

### PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Kennington 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 Kennington Primary School.

### POLICY

Kennington 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,
- locked securely in student's classroom,
- or retained in the office.

### Mobile Phone Use

Mobile phones must not be used:

- 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.

Students who use their mobile phone inappropriately before or after 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 before being returned to parents.

## **Insurance**

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the Kennington Primary School does not have insurance for accidental property damage or loss. 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. Kennington 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**

- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

## **REVIEW PERIOD**

This policy was ratified by School Council in July 2022 and will be reviewed in July 2025.