



# Dinjerra Primary School

## MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE POLICY

### PURPOSE

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

### SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Dinjerra 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.

### POLICY

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

At Dinjerra Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours at the office.
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)
- 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 - Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Dinjerra Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

### Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Dinjerra Primary school are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carers) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Dinjerra 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 [Dinjerra Primary School's Personal Property Policy AND/OR the Department's [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#).]

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Dinjerra Primary school will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Dinjerra Primary school students are required to store their phones handed into the school administration office



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## Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Dinjerra Primary school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policy.

At Dinjerra Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- 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, swimming pools and gyms
- during exams and assessments

## Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

- may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,
- Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite. Each individual case have to discussed between parents and Principal.

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

Dinjerra 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

This policy will be communicated to our school community in one or more ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information session
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- *Student Wellbeing and Engagement, Code of Conduct, Personal Property, Bully*
- Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy

## REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

Policy last reviewed	July 2021
Approved by	Principal
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