

# STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY

CONNOLLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Policy Statement

*The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose. It is important to note that Connolly Primary discourages students from bringing mobile phones to school.*

## Policy Rules

Connolly Primary School recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at our school.

### Conditions of Use

The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day unless the student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

Students are required to put their smart watches in 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

## Guidance

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

"Off and away all day" includes before school and at break times.

Schools may choose, in consultation with the school community, to maintain or introduce a mobile phone policy that imposes further restrictions than those set out in this policy

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

In instances of students fighting and videoing fights see - [CEO Directive: Required action to be taken with students fighting or publishing videos of fighting](#)

For multiple offences of non-compliance with this policy, student phones may require collection by a parent/carer or loss of good standing.

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# Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance

Implementation of the policy is the responsibility of Principals.

Compliance monitoring is the responsibility of Line Managers.

## Management Process

Students bringing mobile phones to school must sign them in at the Principal's office before school. Phones must be in a labelled zip lock bag. Phones must also be signed out at the end of the school day. We will securely store student mobile phones during the school day.

Connolly Primary School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

## Breaches of this Policy



Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.

Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone at their earliest convenience.

In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the principal may request the withdrawing of the mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.

## Scope

This policy applies to all Principals of Line Managers.

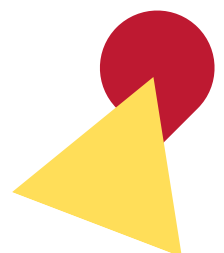
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## Contact Information

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