

FAQs - Parent Questions

1. What if a student does not comply with the mobile phone policy and accesses it during the school day, prep or meal times?

Students will be made aware of all the new school rules ahead of Term 4, 2023, and will be required to comply with them. As with all school rules, student refusal will result in appropriate action being taken, in accordance with the school's behaviour code/policy. This may include the Deputy Principal storing your child's phone in a secure location until they can make contact with you and, where possible, conduct a meeting.

2. What if a student needs to make an urgent phone call home?

Students will be allowed to call home via the front office in arrangement with teaching staff and school administration support staff.

3. What if a student with a medical condition requires their phone to record medical information?

If your child has special medical requirements, you may apply for an exemption for varied terms of use, or arrange a meeting with the Deputy Principal to discuss the best options for your child.

4. How do I arrange permission for my child to use their phone for medical reasons?

You will be able to make a request for an exemption during Term 4, 2023, onwards. If appropriate, your child will be issued with a Mobile Phone Exemption Card. It will take into account their medical needs and set the terms and conditions for phone use, that incorporate school guidelines.

5. What if the school goes into lockdown or lockout?

In the case of a lockout or lockdown, you may be notified via phone call or text message. You can also contact the school via the front office using the school's contact information available on the website. Your child should **not** use their mobile phone during a lockdown or lockout.

6. What happens with mobile phones on excursions?

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during school excursions. If the excursion is overnight or over a number of days and nights, special information will be provided to you via the teacher organising the excursion around the parameters of phone usage for students.

7. What happens with mobile phones during sport?

Exemptions may apply for sporting activities that are held off school grounds. If this is the case, information will be included in the sports activity information and permission form. Otherwise, sporting activities will be considered part of the normal school day.

8. How will the school manage the administration of parent enquiries?

Schools will make contact with parents in the usual ways via the front office.

9. Can students access their phones during private study, minimally supervised periods, prep or mealtimes?

Students will not be permitted to access their phones during these times.

10. What if my child needs to use their phone for classwork?

Students will not be using their phone for classwork. The school has access to a range of other digital devices that are more suitable and conducive to student learning.

11. What happens if my child is in sick bay and the school has arranged a parent to pick them up?

Students in sick bay are constantly monitored and communicated with. Please contact the front office.

12. Will the school send a message to my child if I need to contact them?

Messages from parents to students will be passed on as usual.

13. Will my child be allowed to call me?

Students will be allowed to call you for urgent situations. If they need to urgently call home, they must advise their Deputy Principal, who will work with the front office, to contact a parent/carer if required. In all situations, students must use the school's phone system if contact with home is required.

14. Can students use laptops or iPads during breaks?

Yes, this plan only covers personal mobile phones. iPads and personal computers used for learning in the classroom are not included.

15. What if my child chooses to leave their phone at home?

There is no requirement to bring a mobile phone or related accessories to school. This is encouraged where possible.