

MACINTYRE HIGH SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale:

This policy guides student use of mobile phones at Macintyre High School and provides a consistent framework for the safe, responsible and respectful use of mobile phones in our school.

Aims:

- Encourage students to respect and follow school procedures and the decisions made by staff.
- Deliver learning experiences without the distraction of mobile phones.
- Allow mobile phones to be used for learning when appropriate and under the guidance of teachers.

Implementation:

Posters will be displayed in classrooms supporting the procedure teachers are choosing to implement in a lesson:

Off and away

- Phones are 'Off and away' in classrooms. This also includes Ear Phones / Air Pods connected to the phone in classrooms.
- Phones are to be confiscated if they are used during class. As the school accepts responsibility and liability for confiscated devices, they are to be securely stored by the Deputy Principal. Students can collect them at the end of the day. Repeated offences will result in parents/carers being required to collect the phone.
- Students are free to use devices at recess and lunch so long as they are used appropriately.

Students with identified medical conditions are exempt from this procedure, but phones are only to be used for the stated medical purposes.

Phones in a pocket

- Teachers may ask students to hand their phones in at the start of class and place them in a special phone pocket, or on the teacher's desk or in another suitable location until the end of class. As the school takes responsibility and liability for any phones collected in this way, students need to be dismissed in an orderly fashion with teachers supervising the collection of phones stored this way.
- The pocket or other suitable location is promoted as something to help students ensure they do the right thing during class time, not as a punishment during class time.

Phones for learning

Teachers can decide that phones, like any other device, have a legitimate role for learning in the classroom. This approach is supported by clear classroom expectations based on behaviours rather than devices. Consequences for inappropriate use will be implemented using the schools welfare and discipline policy.

Contact between students and parents/carers during the school day

Parents need to be aware that mobile phone access is not allowed during scheduled class time. During school hours, parents and carers are encouraged to contact their children via the school office.