



MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE POLICY

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department’s and Little River Primary School 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 Little River Primary School and,
2. Students’ personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices i.e.: smartwatches 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. For the purpose of this policy, “mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any other device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watch.

POLICY

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

At Little River Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and handed into the school office so they can be securely stored during school hours.

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 Little River Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Secure storage

Mobile phones/devices owned by students at Little River Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner’s (student’s or parent/carer’s) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Little

Little River 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.

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Little River Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Little River Primary School students are required to store their phones by handing them into the School office to be placed into the Security room.

Enforcement

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

At Little River Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**.

Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Little River 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.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 9th February, 2021 and is scheduled for review in February, 2024.