



Canberra High School
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Mobile Phone Policy

Purpose:

The school aims to provide a happy, safe, and stimulating learning environment for all students. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone usage does not disrupt the learning environment.

Rules:

Students bring their devices to school at their own risk and schools are not responsible for loss or damage. If mobile phones are brought to school the rules are as follows:

- Switched off and put away in school bag during School Hours 8:40am – 2:50pm
- Students cannot take calls during School Hours including recess and lunch periods.
- Students cannot send or receive SMS messages during School Hours including recess and lunch periods.
- Mobile phones are NOT to be used for playing games or music, to check the time, to be used as a calculator or a diary, or used to take photographs/movies, unless instructed by a teacher for learning purposes and a note will be provided by the teacher to state this.
- For privacy concerns mobile phones are NOT to be taken into change rooms, toilets/shower areas or sporting venues.
- If students become sick during school hours, they are to follow normal procedures that is seek permission to go to sick bay and front office staff contact parents, not the student.

If any of the above rules are broken, that is, phones switched on during class, messages sent, calls received etc, the teacher may, in the first instance, ask for the phone to be put away. The teacher may also confiscate the phone from the student. The phone is to be given to the Front Office for placement in the school safe; the student can collect the phone back at the end of the day. Should a phone be confiscated more than twice due to the above rules being broken, parents/carers will be requested to contact the school and arrange a time to collect the phone.

Penalties:

1st Offence: Phone is confiscated until the end of the day confiscating teacher to log incident on Sentral.

2nd Offence: Phone is confiscated until the end of the day. Parents/carers are contacted by the teacher who confiscated the phone and logged on Sentral.

3rd and Future Offences: Phone is confiscated until end of day. Parents/carers are contacted by the Deputy Principal for collection, and student receives a student management consequence which may include internal suspension.

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Student refuses to hand phone over to classroom teacher: If phone is handed over to Faculty Executive or Principal then phone will be confiscated and stored until the end of the day. Parents/carers are contacted by the Faculty Executive. Student receives student management consequence which may include internal suspension.

Student refuses to hand phone over to faculty Executive and/or Principal: Parents/carers are contacted to pick up their child from school immediately.

This Policy was endorsed by the Canberra High School Board on 2 May 2022

Please return the form below to Canberra High School with your students enrolment form.
Thank you.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR;

Student Name:Academic Yr.....

I have read the attached mobile phone policy

Signature (Parent/Guardian):

Parent/Guardian name (Please Print).....

Date: