



# MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

## PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Lemnos Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Lemnos Primary School and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones 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.

## POLICY

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

At Lemnos Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored in the office during school hours
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

## Personal mobile phone use

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

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

## Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Lemnos 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 Lemnos 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, Lemnos Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Lemnos Primary School students are required to store their phones in the school office.

### **Enforcement**

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

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

### **Exclusions**

This policy does not apply to

- Travelling to and from school

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2024
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	February 2027