

# Student use of mobile phones and personal devices at Nuriootpa High School.

## Scope

This school policy is implemented in line with the Department for Education's [Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy](#), which applies to all government schools. This document provides direction to students, staff, and families about managing personal devices





Students may be permitted to bring personal devices on a camp or excursion for learning purposes and/or to facilitate contact with their families at specified and supervised times. Expectations regarding student use of devices on the camp or excursion will be detailed in parent consent information.

Please note that students will need to use the Spriggy online order process, cash or debit/credit/visa cards for purchases at the canteen.

## Roles and responsibilities

Make sure:

- The school's policy has been endorsed or ratified by governing council and is clearly communicated and accessible to all students, staff, and families
- there is a process for regular review of the school's local policy
- secure storage is provided for student personal devices that are handed in to school staff and individual lockers or locks that the school provides for students to store their belongings are appropriately secure
- processes are in place for monitoring internet and school network use by all members of the school community.

Enforce the policy and responses to instances of non-compliance.

Consider requests for exemptions from the policy from parents or independent students due to exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis. Make sure that approved exemptions in this category are documented and that relevant staff, including temporary relief teachers, are informed about students with an exemption.

Model appropriate use of mobile phones and support school staff to do the same. Support families to understand the importance of promoting safe, responsible, and respectful use of mobile phones to their children.

Report and respond to incidents of inappropriate or illegal use of personal devices in line with department policy and procedures and any legal requirements.

Deliver learning opportunities and maintain a safe and productive learning environment. Take steps to minimise distractions from the non-educational use of personal devices in the learning environment.

Respond to instances of non-compliance in line with the school's policy.

Report and respond to incidents of inappropriate use of personal devices in line with department policy and procedures and any legal requirements.

Ensure students who are given permission to access their personal device use it appropriately and only for the specified purpose, and store their personal devices away after the exempted activity has concluded.

Make sure that any student personal devices handed in for their care are stored in a secure location and are returned to the student (or their parent) by the end of the same school day.

Model appropriate use of mobile phones and support families to understand the importance of promoting safe, responsible, and respectful use of mobile phones to their children. Use mobile phones for work-related/emergency purposes only when students are under their care.

Comply with the requirements of this policy and follow all reasonable directions from the principal and school staff.

Switch all personal devices off, or into flight mode, on arrival at school each day and store it away as specified in this policy.

If permitted to use a mobile phone or personal device in line with an exemption under this policy, do so in a safe, responsible, and respectful way and support peers to do the same.

Communicate respectfully with others and do not use a mobile phone or other personal device to bully, harass, or threaten another person.

Respect others' rights to privacy and do not take photos, film, or audio records of other people without their knowledge or permission.

Notify a school staff member as soon as possible if feeling unwell or experiencing any other issues at school. Use the school's sign-out processes in all cases where requiring early collection from school.

Support the school's implementation of this policy, including the consequences for non-compliance.

Encourage their child not to bring a personal device to school unless necessary. Understand that the department does not provide insurance for accidental loss or damage to personal property that is brought onto school grounds (however, claims may be met under the department's public liability insurance where the loss or damage can be attributed to a negligent act or omission on the part of the school – the school will contact the department for advice if this may be the case).

Use the school's formal communication channels in all instances to communicate with the school or to make contact with their child during school hours (including where a student requires early collection from school). Encourage their child to always report to a school staff member in the first instance if they become unwell or experience an issue at school.

Recognise the important role they play in supporting their child to use their mobile phone (or other personal device) in a safe, responsible, and respectful way.

## Supporting links

Please refer to the following policies and procedures that interact with our local policy on student use of mobile phones and personal devices:

school behaviour code, behaviour support policy

[https://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/docs/school\\_policies/NHS\\_Behaviour\\_Support\\_Processes.pdf](https://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/docs/school_policies/NHS_Behaviour_Support_Processes.pdf)

school anti-bullying policy

[https://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/docs/school\\_policies/NHS\\_Anti\\_Bullying\\_Harassment\\_Policy\\_2019.pdf](https://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/docs/school_policies/NHS_Anti_Bullying_Harassment_Policy_2019.pdf)

Please note that this policy is currently being reviewed

BYOD policy, ICT user agreements

[https://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/docs/school\\_policies/NHS\\_BYOD-VDI\\_Acceptable\\_Use\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/docs/school_policies/NHS_BYOD-VDI_Acceptable_Use_Policy.pdf)

## Communication and review

The 'Student Use of Mobile Phones and Personal Devices at Nuriootpa High School' from week 5 2023 policy can be found on our school website at **Please note that this is the policy that will apply from week 5, term 2 – the current mobile policy applies until then.**

Consultation to develop this policy has been undertaken with SRC students and one student from each Home Group; the Governing Council and staff to make local decisions in line with this policy. The policy will be reviewed at the end of term 2 (unless requested earlier) with the same cohorts outlined above.

Our school policies can be reviewed as the need arises – this one will be reviewed again at the end of 2023 if not requested before.

## Questions, concerns, and further information

This policy has been implemented by the school in line with the Department for Education's 'Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy'. You can find more information about this policy, and links to further resources for parents about personal devices and online safety, on the department's website: [Mobile phones and personal devices at school \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/mobile-phones-and-personal-devices-at-school).

If you have any questions or concerns about the department's policy, you can contact the department at:

[education.customers@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.customers@sa.gov.au) or submit an [online feedback form](#)

Free call: 1800 088 158

Please contact the school directly to discuss the possibility of an exemption if your child has exceptional circumstances as outlined in this policy.



**Approved Usage Plan for Mobile Phone or Mobile Device for**

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Purpose:

When:

Where:

Signed: Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_