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## Mobile Phone Policy

Dapto High is committed to employing technology positively and safely. Our policy permits students to bring mobile phones to school, if they do so appropriately.

### Year 7 (2021)

Year 7 students are requested to **leave mobile phones** at home as often as possible. If the mobile phone is required for **safety**, on the journey to school, it is permitted if turned-off and secured in the student's bag all day. **At 2.40pm, students may check their phones as they depart school for parent messages.** Students may not access their phones at all on site. There are two exceptions to this rule:

1. **A pass** is available for Year 7 students from the deputy principals in **special circumstances** to use their phone in the **library or sanctuary at recess or lunch** to contact parents and carers.
2. Occasionally teachers may ask students to use their mobile phones for **a learning activity** in class. Students will be given notice when this is the case.

Year 7 students will complete a **digital citizenship** course and other training in preparation for extended phone privileges in Year 8.

### Year 8-12 (2021)

Students are encouraged to leave their mobile phones at home as often as possible. However, it is permitted to bring mobile phones to **use appropriately** at recess and lunch or when requested by teachers as part of a learning activity in class. Otherwise, phones must be turned-off and secured in bags.

Students whose phones are sighted in class will be asked 'to get a ticket' from the front office staff. The phone will be stored safely until collected after the 2.40pm bell. The student will need 'the ticket' to collect their phone. **On the third time this happens the student will have a phone ban for the rest of the year.** The student will then be required to follow the same rules as Year 7 i.e. phone turned-off and secured in their bag all day. Students who do not follow this rule will be banned from bringing their phones on site. If the issue persists it may result in a suspension from school.

Students who are involved in inappropriate or illegal behaviour at school involving phones will also revert to the Year 7 rules or have a permanent phone ban at the principal's discretion.

**Ongoing education** that supports good **digital citizenship** at Dapto High is an essential component of this updated policy. Our *School Police Liaison Officer* supports students to understand the law and safe practice with social media and mobile technology.

**Inspire. Explore. Create.**

## Mobile Phone User Charter

Dapto High is committed to employing technology positively and safely and has developed a policy that will permit students to bring mobile phones to school, if they do so appropriately.

1. Students are **responsible for the care** of their phone. Dapto High School takes no responsibility for theft or damage
2. Students must adhere to the **standards of behaviour** expected at NSW Department of Education schools while using their phones
3. Students are responsible for **safely storing** their mobile phones and earbuds **inside their bag** during lessons. No phones should be observable by teachers in classrooms unless
4. Teachers request the phone be used for the lesson i.e. data collection in Science; filming etc.
5. Students in Year 8-12 may use mobile phones **appropriately at recess or lunch** but are encouraged to be active as much as possible
6. Year 7 must leave mobile phones in their **bags until 2.40pm** when they may check for messages from parents. They may not be used in the playground **before school, recess or lunch**
7. Photos and videos **should not** be uploaded to social media sites during recess or lunch by any student.
8. Taking **photos, video or recording voice of any individual or group is not allowed** without the express permission of all of the individuals being recorded and after permission from the Principal.
9. Teachers will request students 'get a ticket' from the Front Office if phones are sighted in class or the device is being used inappropriately or without permission.
10. Consequences for a breach of this policy will be determined by the Principal and may include **banning** an individual student from bringing their phone to school for **the rest of the year**.
11. Phones **may not** be connected to the school wifi as it slows the network
12. Students may not bring phones to school unless this agreement is signed, dated and returned to their roll call teacher

**Mobile phones may be brought to school by students after returning a copy of this user charter signed and dated by the parent and student.**

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_