

MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL IPADS

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Furlong Park School for Deaf Children's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students, at school or during school activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Furlong Park School for Deaf Children.

POLICY

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children understands that students may bring a mobile phone and personal iPads to school.

During school hours, mobile phones and personal iPads must be switched off, and given to the school office staff.

Mobile phones/iPad use on school buses

Mobile phones/iPads must not be used:

- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- with data to access the internet

Students who use their mobile phone/personal iPad inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and/or *Bullying* policies.

In some circumstances, students' mobile phones/personal iPads may be confiscated and returned to the parents.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone/personal iPad. Please note that the Furlong Park School for Deaf Children does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones/personal iPads that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.



Camps and excursions

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Furlong Park School for Deaf Children will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- *Student Wellbeing and Engagement*
- *Digital technologies policy*
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 15 February 2024 and is scheduled for review on February 2027.