



STUDENTS USING MOBILE PHONES POLICY

2020-2024

Note that this is a ministerial policy formally issued by the Minister for Education under section 5.2.1(2)(b) of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Cranbourne East Secondary College believes every student deserves a safe and positive learning experience where they are engaged and supported to reach their full potential.

The College adheres to the principles of Australian democracy and takes into account the diversity of all children and makes reasonable efforts to accommodate them. This includes (but is not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) individuals, and children who are vulnerable.

The College is committed to creating a child safe environment protecting children from all forms of abuse and neglect.

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Cranbourne East Secondary College policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Cranbourne East Secondary College and,
2. Personal mobile devices brought onto school grounds during school hours, including recess and lunchtime or during school activities

DEFINITIONS

Personal mobile devices refer to mobile phones and smart watches, Fitbits that receive text messages and any other devices that send or receive messages. **School grounds** refer to inside the boundary fence.

POLICY

Cranbourne East Secondary College understands that students may bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra curricular activities.

- Mobile phones or smart watches must not be used whilst on school grounds during the school day.
- Mobile phones or smart watches must be switched off, and locked securely in the student's locker during these times.

- Students in possession of or using their mobile phones or smart watches will have them confiscated and locked securely in the administration office. It will usually be returned to the student or the parent/carer at the end of the school day.
- Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones or smart watches during lunchtime, recess or any other break times and whilst on school grounds.
- Students will use their laptop for educational purposes. Mobile phones or smart watches are not to be used for educational purposes.
- The use of headphones with laptops, is not permitted in class or between class, unless under the instruction of a teacher when being used for educational purposes. The College strongly advises that for safety reasons headphones are not used when students are travelling to and from school, eg. walking, riding a bike, moving on and off buses.
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office on 59 90 0200.

INSURANCE

Students are responsible for all items brought to school. Please note that Cranbourne East Secondary College 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 and ensure they have a lock for their locker to secure valuables and ensure the lock is locked at all times. Refer to the Cranbourne East Secondary College Personal Property Policy AND/OR the Department's [Personal Goods policy](#).

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Cranbourne East Secondary College will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

BREACH OF MOBILE DEVICES POLICY CONSEQUENCES (See Appendix 1)

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

CRANBOURNE EAST SECONDARY COLLEGE POLICIES

- Student Wellbeing, Engagement & Inclusion Policy
- Personal Property Policy

DEPARTMENT POLICIES

- [Mobile Phones – Department Policy](#)
- [Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items](#)
- [Personal Goods – Department policy](#)

This policy is to be implemented during Step-Up, 2 December 2019 and is scheduled for review at the end of 2019 and each year thereafter.

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