



Ben Venue Public School

Mobile Devices Policy - updated 2019

A mobile device refers to any device capable of communication or gaming. Some examples include but are not limited to tablets, smartphones, mobile phones and smart watches.

Rationale:

We understand that many parents/carers support and encourage their children to carry a mobile device. Mobile devices may be of some use as a protection from danger on the way to and from school or when normal travel arrangements break down. They may also be useful when after school activities are cancelled or changed. Mobile devices, however, can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and therefore guidelines for their use in schools must be clear.

Aim:

To establish clear guidelines for student owned mobile devices at Ben Venue Public School that acknowledge the benefits of student owned mobile devices whilst minimising the potential problems they can cause.

Implementation:

- Students are able to bring personal mobile devices to school for health, safety or personal reasons that justify students being in possession of a mobile device.
- In the instance of a student requiring a mobile device for personal health reasons the use of the mobile device must be included in the student's individual health care and management plan.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile devices.
- It is a parents/ carers choice to send a student to school with a mobile device therefore they take responsibility for loss or damage to the device.
- Students must sign in their mobile device at the office each morning and sign it out at the end of each day. Students are not permitted to use their device (this includes, SMS, recording audio, photographs, music and games) during the course of the school day. This includes recess and lunch breaks.
- At the end of the day, after the device has been collected from the school office students are able to check their messages or contact parents whilst on school grounds. They are not able to use their device for videos, photographs, recording, music and games.
- If a student uses a mobile device contrary to this policy the device will be confiscated and held at the school until a parent/ carer is able to collect the device.
- No mobile devices are to be taken on school camps/ excursions. If a student wishes to use a mobile device as a camera the SIM card must be removed.

Evaluation: The policy will be reviewed as required.