



# Ben Venue Public School

## DoE Mobile Communication Devices Policy BVPS implementation procedures

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For the purpose of these implementation procedures of the [DoE mobile phone policy](#), devices referred to are any mobile communication device capable of sending or receiving voice, text or images, or enabled for mobile internet access. Included under these procedures are 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, immediately upon arrival at school 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 during break times and while on site before school.
- 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 may be confiscated and held at the school until a parent/ carer is able to collect the device. Consequences may also be applied as outlined in the school [Behaviour Support and Management Plan](#).
- No mobile communication devices are to be taken on school camps / excursions (excepting for health reasons as detailed above).

### **Evaluation:**

The policy will be reviewed as required.