



HARRINGTON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Management Plan

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Harrington Street Public School Mobile Management Plan has been developed with reference to the NSW Department of Education: Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy.

RATIONALE

Mobile phone use in schools can impact student learning and wellbeing. Restricting mobile phone use at school aims to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying. Harrington Street Public School has strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology, which maximises the benefits and minimises the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school. We foster a safe learning environment which supports and enhances each child's social and emotional health through our wellbeing and learning support teams.

At Harrington Street Public School, **all student mobile phones are required to be taken to the office for the full school day, from the time students enter the school grounds until 3.00pm. This includes other devices that can be used for making phone calls such as cellular smart watches.** Students will have a responsibility to take their phone to the office to be stored safely for the course of the school day. Phones can be collected at the conclusion of the school day at 3:00pm. This is an approved NSW Department of Education option and will limit unnecessary distractions and complement our ongoing approach to ensure every student maximises their learning and social growth in a safe and supportive environment.

Further, earbuds and headphones need to be stored in student bags throughout the school day unless instructed by the teacher.

As with all valuable items, students are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones, smart watches and associated electronic devices to school due to the potential for loss, theft or damage of the item(s). Harrington Street Public School cannot accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to such items, including mobile phones. These items are brought to school at your own risk.

EXEMPTIONS

Harrington Street Public School understands there may be students who have a medical, wellbeing or learning need which will require them to access a mobile phone as defined in this plan. Where an exemption will be applied for, the Principal will meet with each student and their parents to discuss any adjustments to any school-based practices and procedures.

CONTACTING STUDENTS

Harrington Street Public School understands there will always be occasions when parents need to get in contact with students or vice versa during the school day. We try to keep this to a minimum, with the exception of emergencies, to avoid disturbing the students' learning. Parents and carers can make contact with the school through the school office on 96044002 and students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if urgent.