



PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Frankston Heights Primary Schools policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal mobile devices by students, at school or during school activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Frankston Heights and,
2. All personal mobile devices that have not been approved by Frankston Heights for the purpose of carrying out and engaging in the teaching and learning of the curriculum.

DEFINITIONS

Personal mobile devices are portable computing and communication devices such as smartphones, tablet computers and smart watches.

POLICY

Frankston Heights Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile device to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

- During school hours, personal mobile devices must be switched off, and handed to the front office, until the end of the school day.

Personal mobile device use

Personal mobile devices 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

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

In some circumstances, students' personal mobile devices may be confiscated and stored securely at the front office. In these circumstances, the mobile device will usually be returned to the student or their parent/carer at the end of the school day.

Students **are not** permitted access to devices at lunchtime and recess.

Students **are not** permitted to access their personal mobile devices during lunchtime or recess.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their personal mobile device. Please note that Frankston Heights does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including personal mobile devices that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

Camps and excursions

Students will not be allowed to bring their personal mobile device on overnight school camps or excursions. Frankston Heights will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Student Engagement Policy
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on September 2019 and is scheduled for review September 2020.