

Padstow Park PS
Mobile Phone Policy



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Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has implemented a mobile phone policy aimed at promoting a safe and productive learning environment for students. The policy recognises that while mobile phones can be useful tools, their presence in the classroom can also lead to distractions, disruptions, and potential safety concerns. Therefore, the policy outlines clear guidelines regarding the use of mobile phones in primary schools.

At Padstow Park the mobile phone guidelines include:

General Prohibition

Students are **not allowed to use mobile phones** during school hours, which includes recess and lunch breaks. These prohibitive actions apply to any device, smart watch or communication tool, in students' possession during school hours.

1. Security and Responsibility:

- If a student brings a mobile phone to school, it should be kept in the school office, during class time.
- It is a students' responsibility to bring their mobile phone to the school office by 9.25am, school bell time.
- Students can collect mobile phones after school bell time at 3.25pm from the school office.
- The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged mobile phones.

2. Consequences of Non-compliance:

- Students who violate the policy by using their mobile phones inappropriately during school hours may face disciplinary actions. This can include confiscation of the phone, or other consequences as determined by the principal.

3. Parent and Carer Communication:

- The school will communicate the mobile phone policy clearly to parents and carers, ensuring they understand the rules and the rationale behind them.
- Regular reminders may be sent out to reinforce the policy and its importance in maintaining a conducive learning environment.

4. Extra-Curricular Events:

- The principal will advise parent/caregivers prior to extra-curricular events including but not limited to, school camps, performances, excursions, school and P&C related events of the organisational responsibilities concerning adherence to the policy.

Conclusion:

The mobile phone use policy in NSW primary schools is designed to prioritise student safety, well-being, and academic focus.