



South Gippsland Specialist School

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Purpose:

To explain to our school community South Gippsland Specialist School's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students, at school or during school activities.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students at South Gippsland Specialist School

Policy:

South Gippsland Specialist School understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

During school hours, mobile phones must be:

- Handed in to the classroom teacher who will lock them away in a locked cupboard and then return them at the end of the day.
- Handed in to the office where they are securely stored and returned to them at the end of the school day.

Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones during lunchtime and recess, unless otherwise authorised by a supervising teacher e.g. where phones may be used for e-learning or other learning activities.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that the South Gippsland Specialist School does not have insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

Camps and excursions

Unless required for independent travel, mobile phones are not to be used whilst on camps or excursions

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

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

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last updated on October 2019 and is scheduled for review on October 2021.