



South Gippsland Specialist School

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Purpose:

To provide our school community's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones.

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 bus chaperone for students who travel on a school bus. Phones will be placed in a locked box then stored at the school office for safe keeping during the day. Phones will be returned to students at their designated stop.
- Handed in to the office for those who get dropped off at school. Phone will be returned on departure from school.

Please note, students who independently access work experience or independent extra-curricular activities would be the only exception where a phone would be required.

Students are not permitted to access their mobile phones on the bus or during school times, unless otherwise authorised by a supervising teacher.

Insurance

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.

Camps and excursions

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

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 2022.