

MOBILE PHONES STUDENT USE

PURPOSE

policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones (and other personal mobile devices) during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Mount Waverley Secondary College and,

2. (and other personal mobile devices) brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

phones and any device that may connect to, including wireless headphones (Ear Pods), or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

POLICY

Mount Waverley Secondary College understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Mount Waverley Secondary College:

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)

office.

Personal mobile phone use

<u>Mobile Phones</u> <u>Student Use Policy</u> issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Mount Waverley Secondary College during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Secure storage



Specific exception	Documentation
For students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability	Individual Learning Plan, Individual Education Plan
or learning difficulty	

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan
Students who are Young Carers	A localised student record



Available publicly on our college communication method) Included in staff induction processes and staff training Included in college newsletter Included in staff handbook/manual Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings Included in transition and enrolment packs Discussed at parent information nights/sessions Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Mount Waverley Secondary College Related Polices MWSC Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy MWSC Student Code of Conduct MWSC Bullying Prevention Policy

Department of Education and Training Related Polices <u>Mobile Phones</u> <u>Student Use Policy</u> <u>Weapons</u> <u>Banning, Searching and Seizing Harmful Items</u> <u>Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy</u>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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