

Policy Statement

Throughout Education Queensland schools, there are guidelines for the use of mobile phones at school. At Highland Reserve State School we have used these guidelines as the basis of our mobile phone policy, and have taken into consideration the age of the children at Primary school.

- Mobile phones are very expensive and highly attractive devices.
- Use of mobile phones by children can be disruptive to teaching, learning and school activities in and out of classrooms.
- We recognise that in certain circumstances, parents may require their children to bring a mobile phone to school for safety or communication purposes.

Procedures

1. If mobile phones are required by students at school, or if a student brings a mobile phone to school, the student is required to take the mobile phone to the school office for safekeeping at the beginning of the school day
2. Phones will be stored safely at the office in the Administration Building.
3. Students can collect the phone before they leave school, to return home.
4. In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere in the school where a normal camera would be considered inappropriate eg. Toilets, change rooms and/or where there is no parental consent from students.
5. Any contact with children by parents or siblings during school activities including excursion, camps should be made through the school office or the organiser of the activity.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL SHOULD LOSS OR DAMAGE OF MOBILE PHONES OCCUR.

Relevant legislation and policy

Legislation and/or regulations

- [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/E/EducGenPrA06.pdf) Chapter 12 Parts 4
- [Invasion of Privacy Act 1971](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/I/InvasOfPrivA71.pdf) Part 4 - Listening Devices

Substantive policy

- [The Code of School Behaviour](http://www.qed.qld.gov.au/students/behaviour/pdfs/schoolbehaviourcode.pdf) *(new window)*

Related procedures

- [ICT-PR-004: Using the Department's Corporate ICT Network](#) /strategic/epr/ict/ictpr004/
- [SMS-PR-021: Safe, Supportive and a Disciplined School Environment](#) /strategic/epr/students/smspr021/
- [SMS-PR-027: Enrolment in State Primary, Secondary and Special Schools](#) /strategic/epr/students/smspr027/