



BAULKHAM HILLS NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Baulkham Hills North Public School acknowledges that some students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety when travelling to and from school.

Mobile communication devices, when misused by students can be very disruptive to teaching and learning and the welfare of students.

Where a mobile telephone is brought to school it should be signed in at the office where it will be kept secure until the end of the school day.

Student Responsibilities

- The student must take full responsibility for the phone. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage while in the student's care.
- Students will use their mobile phone in a way that reflects the core values taught at BHNPS including the values of respect, responsibility, kindness, loyalty, effort and truth.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the telephone or for any illegal activity. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Under no circumstances will students use their mobile telephones to photograph other students. Students found to be using any camera contrary to this policy will be dealt with under the school discipline policy. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases.
- Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message or arrangements will be made for the child to return the call on the school phone.
- Students who need to make an urgent phone call may do so at their school office.

Improper use of mobile telephones or other electronic devices may result in a:

- Warning or other appropriate disciplinary measure as determined by the school's disciplinary policy.

Parent Responsibilities

- Parents are requested to turn their phones to silent whilst they are supporting educational programs in the classroom or attending assemblies.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Teachers are expected to display professionalism as outlined in the DET Code of Conduct

These procedures apply equally to the inappropriate use of portable computers, ipods or similar devices.