



Mobile Phone Policy

Tailem Bend Primary School understands that mobile telephones offer a service to some families. Safety and communication concerns demand that some students have a mobile telephone with them for after school communications.

There are, however, issues associated with mobile telephones. Issues include security, interruptions to school operations and student perceptions of equity. Because of these issues, we prefer that students do not bring mobile telephones to school.

If students need to bring mobile phones to school, students and their parents/carers must understand that the following school policy is in place and will apply to mobile phones at school. Students below Year 3 cannot bring a mobile phone to school.

1. Parents/Carers will need to complete the consent form and return it to the school office **BEFORE** their child/children brings a mobile phone to school. There needs to be a separate consent form for **EACH** child. The reasons for bringing a mobile phone to school will need to be approved by the Principal.
2. On arrival at school the student will switch off and sign their **CLEARLY NAMED** mobile phone into the office and place in a collection tray.
3. Students can collect their mobile phone from the office at the end of the day.
4. Whilst the school office will secure the mobile phones for the duration of the school day the school will not accept responsibility for damage or theft.
5. If you need to contact your child/children during school hours the Front Office remains the most appropriate and immediate point of contact. **Phone 85 723 266**

To model our commitment to this policy, staff members have agreed not to use mobile telephones during teaching time or other formal contact times.

We therefore expect that all mobile telephones be switched off in classrooms, except in an emergency or as pre-arranged with the Principal.

If your child brings their mobile phone to school without a consent form or fails to pass it into the office the following consequences will follow:

1. **First Offence** - Phone is turned off, handed over to a staff member, placed in the office, noted in log book. Senior Staff will contact the student's parents requesting phone to be collected at the end of the day.
2. **Second Offence** - Phone is turned off, handed over to a staff member, placed in the office, noted in log book. Mobile phone to be picked up by parents and the student cannot have their phone at school for the remainder of the term.

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Mobile Phone Consent Form

We/I give my child permission to bring a mobile phone to school. I have read and understood the school rules for student use and the consequences if these rules are breached.

Parent Name/s (print): _____

Parent Signature/s: _____

Date: _____

Student Name (print): _____ Class: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reasons for your child having a mobile phone at school:

All mobile phones must be clearly labelled

Approved / Not Approved

Principal signature