



# Sherwood State School

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Dear Parents

## Re: Mobile Phones at school

The Sherwood State School Behaviour Team has reviewed the Education Department guidelines regarding the use of mobile phones by students at our school and referred to our Responsible Behaviour Plan. We have also sought parent and staff responses as part of this review. Students are not to use mobile phones at our school unless they have the explicit permission of their classroom teacher.

In recent times there have been a number of incidents where mobile phones have been used inappropriately. Therefore we have made a series of decisions:

1. Students must have the express permission of their parent or guardian to bring a mobile phone to school and
2. Students are to leave their mobile phone at the Office whilst at school, taking it to the Office before classes begin and then collecting the mobile phone again at the end of the day.

Whilst we will endeavor to care for the collected mobile phones, the school takes no responsibility for loss of or damage to these mobile phones.

Sherwood State School takes the view that mobile phones are not necessary at school and should not be used by students at school to contact parents or other people during school hours. Students needing to contact adults whilst at school can do so by using school phones.

We also remind parents that students should not be using Facebook, Instagram and other forms of social media until they are at least 13 years of age according to the Terms and Conditions of these social media companies. It is our experience that students are easily led into misuse of these modes of communication in the primary years and that this is potentially very detrimental and possibly illegal in certain circumstances.

If you believe it is important and necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone to and from school could you please complete the permission form below and return this to the Office.

Yours faithfully

Dr Greg Nelson

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I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_

To bring a mobile phone to school understanding that this mobile phone must be taken to the Office before the start of class each day and then collected by the student at the end of each day.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)