

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Mobile Phone

POLICY

Rationale:

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School recognises that, to many parents, mobile phones are a valuable safety measure for their children while travelling to and from school. We also recognise that electronic devices such as mobile phones are a common part of everyday life. Most students and teachers have these devices and use them at school. To ensure a consistent focus on learning and teaching, the following guidelines are provided for their operation during the school day.

Aims:

To minimise disruption to the learning of all students and create a safe school environment.

Student Rights & Responsibilities.

- Mobiles are to be on silent mode during lessons and are to be kept in student bags unless instructed to be used as a learning device by the teacher.
- Students are permitted to listen to music during breaks in the school day eg, recess & lunchtime.
- Teachers may allow students to use these devices for educational purposes in the classroom.
- Photos cannot be taken at any time, unless for educational purposes with the permission and supervision of a teacher. Unauthorised photographing at school is prohibited by law and dealt with appropriately.
- Earphones are not to be worn during lessons without the express permission of your teacher for educational reasons.
- When engaging in conversations with teachers, students are to remove earphones.
- Any student needing to contact parents should only do so at the school office with the permission of the Deputy Principal or the Principal.
- Communications via conversations, texting or social media are prohibited during lessons.
- When phones are being used as a learning device, push notifications from social media are to be turned off.

Teacher Rights & Responsibilities

- Teachers should give a 1st warning to those students who misuse electronic devices in the classroom. If a student refuses to follow the teacher's instructions for the lesson, the school discipline policy should be applied with students receiving a detention from the class teacher. Students who are repeat offenders who fail to follow the instructions of the class teacher will be referred to the Head Teacher. If students continue to fail to follow instructions they will be referred to the Deputy Principal as per the school's discipline policy.
- Students making calls, texting or using social media in class time will immediately have the school's discipline policy imposed.
- During the course of a lesson teachers may allow students to use electronic devices where appropriate to the learning needs of the lesson and the students.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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