



## Students use of Mobile Phones in Schools

### Management Plan

#### Rationale and Objectives

**Revesby Public School** supports the restrictions of mobile phones in accordance with the NSW Department of Education: Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy. Mobile phone use in schools can impact student learning and wellbeing. Restricting mobile phone use at school aims to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

**Revesby Public School** has strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology, which maximises the benefits and minimises the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school. We foster a safe learning environment which supports and enhances each child's social and emotional health through our wellbeing and learning support teams.

**Revesby Public School** has elected to use the following approach. All mobile phones will be handed in and stored in the School Office for the full school day, including recess and lunch. This is an approved NSW Department of Education option and will limit unnecessary distractions and complement our ongoing approach to ensure every student maximises their learning and social growth in a safe and supportive environment.

It is important that all families, including any student who is bringing a mobile phone to school understands the following school guidelines:

- *All mobile phones must be stored in the school office every morning as students enter the school, preferably before 9am, so that students can drop their phone off and proceed to class for learning.*
- *When dropping off mobile phones, students will place them into an individual plastic folder labelled with their name.*
- *Mobile phones will be handed to students by a staff member at 3pm. It is the responsibility of the child to remember to pick up their phone in the afternoon.*



## Exemptions

**Revesby Public School** understands there may be students who have medical, wellbeing or learning needs. If your child requires access to a mobile phone, the principal will meet with each student and their parents and carers in order to determine where an exemption will be applied for on behalf of a student, as well as the adjustments to any school-based practices and procedures.

## Contacting students

**Revesby Public School** understands there will always be emergencies when parents need to get in contact with students or vice versa during the school day. We try to keep this to a minimum, with the exception of emergencies, to avoid disturbing the students' learning. Parents and carers can make contact with the school through the school office on 9773 8255 or via email: [Revesby-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Revesby-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if urgent.

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