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Bulahdelah Central School Mobile Phone Policy

Taken from - New South Wales Department of Education Mobile Phone Policy

Audience and applicability

This policy applies to all students in NSW public schools.

1. Policy statement

Students are not allowed to use mobile phones at school, including during recess and lunch.

Principals may allow students to use mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, to achieve student health and wellbeing outcomes, or as part of reasonable adjustment to enable students with specific needs to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

2. Context

Learning environments should support students to develop technological, social and emotional competencies. This support should maximise the benefits and minimise the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school.

Purpose

To provide a consistent framework for supporting and implementing the NSW DoE Mobile Phone Policy (see above). Bulahdelah Central School will use the YONDR pouch system to support this policy.

Our School Policy

- There is to be no mobile phone use on site at Bulahdelah Central School (except for medical reasons, or educational purposes as directed by the classroom teacher.)
- Students will secure their phones in YONDR pouches as they enter the school, and they will need to stay secured in these pouches for the entire school day.
- Students are not permitted to have headphones, air pods or earbuds.
- Smart watches will not be permitted.

- Mobile phones will not be able to be used at the school canteen.
- ALL phone calls between students and parents/carers will need to go through the front office.

When a phone is sighted

- Classroom teacher will confiscate phone, the phone will be registered and secured in the school safe (located in the front office). **No** phones will be kept in classrooms.
- If a student fails to hand in their phone to the teacher, the Head Teacher will follow the process of confiscating the phone, registering it and securing it in the office safe. A faculty detention will be issued.
- Failure to comply with Head Teacher direction will have the Deputy Principal confiscate the phone and a Formal Caution to suspend will be issued. A second incident will result in a suspension.
- Phones confiscated will **not** be returned to the student but will need to be collected and signed out by the parent/carer.

If a student refuses to hand their phone in, parent/carer will be contacted to come to school to collect the phone.