



Students use of Mobile Phones at Wiripaang Public School Management Plan

Rationale and Objectives

Wiripaang 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 and avoid issues in the playground. **Wiripaang 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.

Wiripaang Public School has elected to use the following approach. **All mobile phones will be collected and stored in the classroom by the teacher at the start of the day and will be returned at the end of the day.** Students will not be permitted to use their phones before school, during recess or 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.

Exemptions

Wiripaang Public School understands there may be students who have a medical, wellbeing or learning need which will require them to access a mobile phone as defined in this plan. 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

Wiripaang 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 **Ph 49434357** and students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if urgent.