



**Glenroy Central
Primary School**

MOBILE PHONES –STUDENT USE POLICY

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If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on 93064144.

Purpose

To explain to our school community the Department's and Glenroy Central Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other personal electronic devices (such as smartwatches or personal electronic games) during school hours.

Scope

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Glenroy Central Primary School (GCPS) and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

Definitions

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

Policy

Glenroy Central Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Glenroy Central Primary School:

- Students who bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Personal Mobile Phone Use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Glenroy Central Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Secure Storage

Mobile phones and other personal electronic devices owned by students at GCPS are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged

not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Glenroy Central Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Department's [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone or device to school, GCPS will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At GCPS, students are required to hand their device to school administration staff to be placed in a lockable cupboard.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Glenroy Central Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies: Student Wellbeing and Engagement, Digital Technologies and Bullying Prevention.

At GCPS inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
- during exams and assessments.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

- may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,
 - Learning-related exceptions
 - Health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
 - Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite.
- can be granted by the Principal in accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#).

The three categories of exceptions allowed under the Department's [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) are detailed in Appendix 1

Camps, Excursions and Extracurricular Activities

Glenroy Central Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with specific information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events. This includes any electronic/electrical devices and personal mobile phones.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to:

- Out-of-school-hours events
- Out-of-School-Hours-Care (OSHC)
- Travelling to and from school.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in our staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required

- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at student forums through communication tools
- Made available in hard copy from school administration on request.

Related policies

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy,
- Digital Technologies Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy.
- Department of Education and Training: [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#)

Evaluation

This policy has been endorsed by the Principal and will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Appendix 1:

1. Learning-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
For specific learning activities (class-based exception)	Unit of work, learning sequence
For students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability or learning difficulty	Individual Learning Plan, Individual Education Plan

2. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan
Students who are Young Carers	A localised student record

3. Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite

Specific exception	Documentation
Travelling to and from excursions	Risk assessment planning documentation
Students on excursions and camps	Risk assessment planning documentation
When students are offsite (not on school grounds) and unsupervised with parental permission	Risk assessment planning documentation
Students with a dual enrolment or who need to undertake intercampus travel	Risk assessment planning documentation

Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.