



RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

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Students' use of Mobile Phones in schools Management Plan

Rationale and Objectives

Richmond High 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.

Richmond High School has strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology. As a BYOD school we aim to maximise the benefits and minimise 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.

It is now a Richmond High School strategy that all mobile phones will be "OFF, IN BAG, ALL DAY". This will mean that students will have a responsibility to turn off their phone and store it safely in their school bag for the duration of the school day. This includes excursions, unless otherwise specifically stated on the school excursion permission note.

Exemptions

Parents and/or carers of students who wish to apply for an exemption may complete the following application form and attach any supporting medical documentation. The exemption will be considered by the Principal who will decide if the exemption will be granted. Considerations for exemption include:

- medical
- wellbeing
- students with special educational needs

Applications forms for exemption can be found via our school [website](#).

Contacting students

We understand there may be situations where parents and/or carers will need to contact their child. You can do this through contacting our school office via:

Phone: (02) 4578 1177

Email: richmond-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If needed, students will also be able to contact their parents and/or carers via our front office.