



## Rationale

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This policy outlines the requirements of the Minister for Education relating to students using mobile phones during school hours from Term 1 2020.

## Aims

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To raise awareness for the school community, of the Department of Education and Training and Upper Yarra Secondary College policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

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

## Implementation

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- Commencing Term 1 2020, students who choose to bring mobile phones to school are required to have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.
- Mobile phones owned by students are brought to school at their own risk.
- Where a student brings a mobile phone to school, the school will provide secure storage.
- Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so.
- Secure storage includes student lockers that are lockable or a lockable safe in each Team Office.

## Enforcement

- Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Upper Yarra Secondary College may be issued with consequences consistent with UYSC's Student Engagement and Inclusion policy.
- Where students fail to comply with the Upper Yarra Secondary College's policy on mobile phones, including refusal to relinquish phones to staff when asked, as per the DET requirements, the College will enforce consequences under the UYSC Student Engagement and Inclusion policy.

## Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

- Upper Yarra Secondary College will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be taken on camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

## Exclusions

This policy does not apply to:

- Out-of-school-hours events
- Travelling to and from school
- Students undertaking workplace learning activities, e.g. work experience
- Students undertaking VET