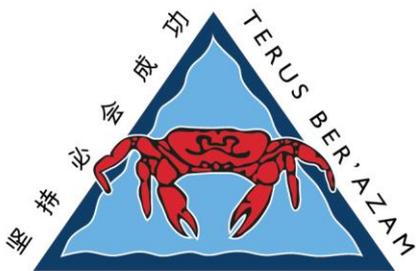




# Mobile Phone Policy



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## Rationale

Mobile phones are now a feature of modern society and most of our students own one. Increasing sophistication of mobile phone technology presents a number of issues for schools:

- The high value of many phones
- The integration of cameras into phones leading to child protection and data protection issues.
- The potential to use the phone e.g. texting whilst on silent mode.

The *Mobile Phone Policy* aims to limit these potential issues, whilst also acknowledging that we are preparing students to become responsible digital citizens living in an ever changing and advancing technological world.

## Policy

### Students in Kindergarten to Year 6

1. Phones must not be used for any purpose (e.g. phoning, texting, surfing the internet, taking photos, checking the time, taking videos) between the hours of 7.50am and 2.10pm. Any use of mobile phones outside of these hours must comply with the Appropriate Use of ICT Policy.
2. Phones must always be switched off (not on silent) and kept out of view.

### Students in Year 7 to 10

1. Students may use their mobile phone *only when* the classroom teacher has deemed it appropriate and *only for the specific educational purpose* (eg. taking a photo of your work) that the classroom teacher has deemed appropriate. Permission must be sought for each instance of mobile phone use.
2. Mobile phones are not to be used as listening devices except when there is a clear educational purpose, eg. listening to a song that you are learning in music class.
3. At all other times, between the hours of 7.50am and 2.10pm, phones must be switched off (not on silent) and kept out of view.

## **Students in Year 11 and 12**

1. Students may use their mobile phone *only when* the classroom teacher has deemed it appropriate and *only for the purpose* that the classroom teacher has deemed appropriate. Permission must be sought for each instance of mobile phone use.
2. At all other times, between the hours of 7.50am and 2.10pm, phones must be switched off (not on silent) and kept out of view.

## **Guidelines**

### **Consequences**

1. If a student breaches the policy, the phone will be confiscated and given in to a Deputy Principal. Students must hand over the mobile as is (they may not remove the SIM card or begin to delete photos, messages etc).
2. The mobile phone may be audited, please refer to the *Appropriate Use of Technology Policy*.
3. The student may collect their mobile phone from the Deputy Principal at the end of the school day. If the mobile phone is confiscated again, parents/guardians will be required to collect the mobile phone on behalf of the student.
4. If a student refuses to hand over a mobile phone to a teacher then the Behaviour Management in Schools (BMIS) Policy is to be followed.

### **Emergencies**

If a student needs to contact his/her parents/guardians they will be allowed to use a school phone during a break time, before or after school. If a parent needs to contact children urgently they should phone the school office and a message will be relayed promptly.

### **Responsibility for mobile phones**

Christmas Island DHS accepts no responsibility **whatsoever** for the theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) relating to mobile phones. It is the responsibility of parents and students to ensure mobile phones are properly insured.

This policy should be read in conjunction with Christmas Island DHS *Appropriate Use of Technology Policy* and *Behaviour Management in Schools Policy*.