

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 11 August 2023

Dear all,

A huge thank you to everyone for making the two working from home days possible. Definitely an opportunity for Multiplex to knock down C block and remove it. While there is still a small amount of demolishing to go the next phase will be landscaping of the central courtyard and then the students will be spoiled for choice as to whether to go to levels 3 and 4 with the amazing views or to sit on the grass in the central courtyard. Then that area that has until recently held demountables will have multiple hand ball courts. I know that is a favourite with our students as well.

At assembly I have been having detailed discussions with students on the options for implementing no mobile phones in term 4. From our investigations of other schools, it seems that there are two favourite options.

The first is the one I mentioned previously, the Yondr Pouch. The second is the 'gate to gate' where students put their phone which has been turned off (if they bring it to school) in their bag till they leave at the end of the school day.

From what I am hearing the Yondr Pouch in some schools is being damaged or opened. Also students bring 2 phones one for the pouch and one for 'business as usual'. The 'gate to gate' is educating students that they can control their mobile phone use. I have attached a draft and brief version of what the new procedures may look like. I am hoping that at the next P&C meeting we may have some time to discuss the procedures.

Well Year 12 have returned after completing their trial HSC and now the final stage in the preparation for the HSC begins. Year 11 are finishing their Preliminary courses as they progress to their final exams in weeks 8 and 9. Year 10 are working with the careers adviser and experiencing 'work experience' in fields of interest to support their subject choices for Years 11 and 12. Year 9 have just one week before they head off to Jindabyne for a week of skiing and snowboarding. Year 8 are in the process of choosing electives for Year 9 and looking to submit their choices and they also are gearing up for camp in week 10. Year 7 are thinking about which language they will choose for the mandatory 100 hour course in 2024.

It is always a busy and exciting time at Mosman and I must flag that this coming Friday night we will be hosting our annual art show in the beautiful one hundred and twenty year old art block. We are thrilled to have Blak Douglas opening the show and we welcome Zali Steggal to the opening as well. The show is also open on Saturday and Sunday from 11.00 am till 3.00 pm. Hope you can pop in and see the incredible work of our students from Years 7 to 12.

Best wishes,
Susan

Gate To Gate Procedures

Mobile Phone (Personal Devices) Procedures 2023 (Term 4 Update)

These procedures promote the learning, safety and wellbeing of students and the management of any risk of harm and distraction from the use of digital technology accessed via a mobile phone, smart watch, or other personal electronic device. From the commencement of Term 4, 2023, it is mandatory for all schools to be mobile phone free for students.

The Procedures

For the purposes of these procedures, 'mobile phones and other personal electronic devices' includes smart watches and all other electronic devices (including iPods and other branded tablets), as well as their associated listening accessories – such as, but not limited to, headphones, ear pods and ear buds. These procedures are outlined to manage student use of these devices at Mosman High School.

The aim of this document is to provide procedures for implantation of DoE policy:

- a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use or distractions.
- greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtime breaks.

Use of mobile phones or other personal electronic devices

Students will have their device immediately confiscated and further disciplinary action will follow if:

- They are using their device in class (excluding laptops) or in the playground without permission.
- The device is used to bully, intimidate, or otherwise harass other people through any voice call, text message, photographic, video, or other data transfer system available on the device.
- Students use devices to record images, video, or sound without permission.

Student Expectations

- Students may not use mobile phones and other personal electronic devices while on school grounds at any time. 'School grounds' extends to school excursions, sports carnivals, and other events at the school or off site where an approved school activity takes place
- Mobile phones are to be '**off and away all day**' from the time students enter school grounds in the morning until they are in the designated bus zone or have left school grounds at the end of the day. This includes before school and at break times. For years 11 and year 12 it also includes period 0 and period 6.
- Students will place their mobile phone or electronic device into the **Phone Breach Envelope** immediately if asked by a teacher or member of staff if instructed. The envelope will be delivered by the student to the Deputy Principal, who will enter the phone on the Phone Register and securely store the device in an Admin safe.

Failure to follow the discipline code will incur more severe consequences, including detention, Formal Caution to Suspend, or a Suspension, for persistent failure to follow school procedures and the Schools Behaviour and Discipline Procedures.

- Students must take full responsibility for any mobile phone or similar device brought to school. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft, or damage. Students who bring their devices to school, do so at their own risk.
- **Purchasing at the canteen** -Students will be required to use a card/cash or smart watch to pay for purchases at the canteen. Students and parents are encouraged to make an account at the school canteen to pre – order prior to coming to school. Phones are not to be used for purchases.

Exceptions/Accommodations

A small number of exceptions/exemptions will be made. These

exemptions will only be available for: [managing a health condition](#)

Health related exemptions can be sought by parents/carers by contacting the principal and completing the Mobile Phone Exemption Application. The stage Deputy Principal will work alongside parents and complete the Phone Exemption Plan.

Parent or Caregiver expectations

In accordance with the procedures, parents/carers will:

- Contact the school Front Office to pass on messages rather than contacting a student directly on their device (for acceptable reasons only, students will be permitted to use a phone in the front office to contact their parents/carers under the supervision of the stage Deputy Principal).
- Understand that the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to phones or personal electronic devices.
- Work collaboratively with the school and help reinforce Mosman High School's Use of Mobile Phone (Personal Devices) Procedures with their child/ren.

Consequences

If requested by a teacher or staff member, students will immediately place their mobile phone or electronic device into the **Phone Breach Envelope**. The envelope will be delivered by the student to the stage Deputy Principal, who will enter the phone on the Daily Phone Register and securely store the device in an Admin safe.

Consequences will be applied according to the school's Behaviour and Discipline policy. These include but, are not limited to:

- Confiscation of the device until the end of the day.
- Confiscation of the device until such time as their parent or caregiver can attend school to collect the device.
- Issuing of a Formal Caution to Suspend, or a Suspension, for persistent failure to follow the procedures of this policy and the School's Behaviour and Discipline Policy.
- Withdrawal of a student privilege to bring their phone to school.