



AUSTRALIAN
ISLAMIC COLLEGE

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE & PERSONAL DEVICES POLICY

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1. Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to set standards for the use of Mobile Phones & Personal Devices that are consistent with the broader values and expectations of the College. It also aligns with the South Australian State Government's ban on use of mobile phones by students in all public high schools from Term 3 2023.

2. Scope & Responsibility

This Policy applies to all students of the Australian Islamic College.

3. Policy Details

The College wants to create the best possible learning environment for the students. To do this, students must feel safe and want to engage. While mobile phones offer many benefits, they can impact the safety and wellbeing of students when used inappropriately. Banning the use of mobile phones during school hours helps the school to limit the negative impact from inappropriate use and reduces unnecessary distractions in classrooms to help both teachers and students focus on learning. It also encourages students to use breaks as quality time away from screens.

The College therefore has a **"No mobile phone policy"** which includes personal devices such as earphones and smart watches. The College understands that some students use their phone to make purchases from the canteen. At ALL other times, earphones, phones and personal devices need to be "switched off and away" and placed securely in the student's locker during College hours. They also need to be "switched off and away" when students are undertaking authorized, off site school activities, including excursions.

The College accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of any phone or electronic device brought into the school.

Please see below flowchart regarding first, second and third offences and what would cause immediate suspension of a student in relation to this Policy.

4. Mobile phones and personal devices

The devices covered by this policy include:

- mobile phones and smart phones
- smart watches and other wearable devices that can send and/or receive calls and messages and/or connect to an internet network
- headphones
- laptops, iPads, tablets that are not owned by the school, and were not brought to school by the student under a separate BYOD agreement
- any other digital devices with capability of connecting to a cellular communication network, the internet, or both.

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Mobile Phone Policy

Any student's phone/device SEEN or HEARD between 8.00am and 4.00pm on school grounds will be confiscated

(The only exception is when purchasing from the canteen)

FIRST OFFENCE

- The device will be confiscated by the teacher and passed onto their COORDINATOR at the end of the lesson.
- The device may be collected by the student at the end of the school day, except where the breach of rules has seriously affected another student or staff member, then the incident must be referred to the Principal.
- The incident will be entered into TASS Student Behavioural Records.

SECOND OFFENCE

- The device will be confiscated by the teacher and passed onto their COORDINATOR at the end of the lesson.
- The device may be collected by the student at the end of the school day, except where the breach of rules has seriously affected another student or staff member.
- Parent contact will be made and warned of the consequences of a third offence.
- The incident will be entered into TASS Student Behavioural Records.

THIRD OFFENCE

- The device will be confiscated by the teacher and passed onto their COORDINATOR at the end of the lesson.
- The device can be collected by a Parent or Guardian at the end of the next school day.
- The incident will be entered into TASS Student Behavioural Records.
- Any repeat offence will result in a repeat of the third offence. For each repeat offence, an extra day will be added to when the phone can be collected by a Parent or Guardian.

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

Using an electronic device to record, distribute, display or upload any images or videos (as previously defined) of any staff, student, College property / ground or parent / visitor at any time will result in suspension.

6. Relevant Internal References

- Bullying Policy & Procedure
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Behaviour Policy & Procedure
- Child Protection Policy & Procedure
- Privacy Policy & Procedure
- Risk Management & Safety in School Policy & Procedure
- Student Social Media Policy & Procedure
- Suspension Exclusion Expulsion Policy & Procedure

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