



Innisfail State College

Individual Success
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ISC Phone Policy and Procedure

Context

1. The Queensland Government has banned mobile phone and wearable technology use in Qld State Schools during school hours, including break times. (Legislation)
2. Research has shown that phone bans in schools results in increased focus, engagement and academic achievement among students. Teachers report improved class participation and students reported feeling less anxious and more connected to their peers. Academic results in some studies increased by as much as 6.4% standard deviation, the equivalent of adding an additional hour a week to schooling.

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Policy

All ISC students will switch their phones to silent/off and place them in their bags when the first bell rings (8.40am) and will leave them there until they leave at the end of the school day when the end of day bell rings (2.50pm). Wearable technology will be disconnected or placed in flight mode. Earphones will also be placed in bags.

Exceptions to this will be: -

- If the phone is being used for class work with teacher approval
- Medical monitoring (*student will have a medical exemption*)
- Where students who are sole primary carers + sole earners need to check rosters

Procedure

- Students are to switch phones to silent/off and place them and earphones if applicable in their bags at the start of the school day **when the bell rings 8.40am until end of day bell rings (2.50pm)**.
- Students will have to use cash or debit/credit cards at tuckshop/office instead of their phones.
- Students will go to Junior or Senior Student Services if they need to use their phone for **a)** medical monitoring, or **b)** work roster checking



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- Students and parents will use the school landline when communicating during school hours (**40780222 and then select option 3 for Junior Student Services or 4 for Senior Student Services**)
- Students may use their 'phone for schoolwork' when given permission by the teacher and the phone for classwork sign is clearly displayed in the classroom.
- If students breach the student code of conduct on phone use, **the ISC Phone Behaviour Procedure** will be followed.
- Students must not have their phones out whilst on school grounds. Phones must be in bags (not pockets).
- Students attending TAFE or other courses on school grounds are required to follow the ISC phone policy and procedure.

If students fail to follow the ISC Phone Policy, the Phone Behaviour Procedure will apply. ISC Phone policy – what it looks like on the ground

- Students must not have their phones or earphones out whilst on school grounds between **8.40am and 2.50pm (first and last school bell)**. Phones must be in bags (not pockets).
- Students will be reminded to put their phones in their bags as part of their 'Entering the Classroom' Universal. Teachers will remind students "phones on silent and in your bag".
- Bags will be placed at the back of the room (or other appropriate places) not under the student desk.
- Phones are to remain in bags between: - **8.40am and 2.50pm**.
- If students breach this Universal the ISC Phone Behaviour Procedure will be followed.

ISC Phone Behaviour Procedure

- If a student takes their phone out or wears earphones between the hours of **8.40am and 2.50pm** they will be asked to take their either their phone/headphones/watch to Junior Services (Years 7-9) or Senior Schooling (Years 10-12). Students will place their phone into an envelope, label it and then place it into the phone locker.
- The school takes no responsibility for damage to phones if students bring phones to school and they are confiscated.
- If a student refuses to take their phone to the office the parent will be rung to pick up both phone and student. The length of time a student spends at home will be determined by the Deputy Principal and will be dependent on the number of breaches.
- If a student uses their phone in a manner that may contribute to the physical, social or emotional harm of others, this student has breached the ISC Student Code of Conduct and will receive an appropriate consequence as determined by the Deputy Principal in addition to the above procedure.
- On returning to school the parent and student must both agree to one of the below options:
 1. Following school rules (phone in bag)





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2. Student doesn't bring phone to school
3. Student leaves phone at Junior Services or Senior Schooling at the start of the day and collects it at the end of the day.

Student expectations:

- Turn phones off/silent and put into bags from 8:40am until 2:50pm.
- Place bag with phone at back of classroom.

Staff expectations:

- Model expected behaviour concerning phone use whilst on school grounds.
- Reinforce expectations concerning phone use with students and ensure consistency when implementing ISC Universals (including phone use).

Parent expectations:

- Support ISC's phone policy with their child.
- Support ISC's expectations regarding phone use if their child breaches the phone policy or procedure.

