



Nambucca Heads Primary School

Providing The Best Possible Education For Every Child

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Portable Electronic Devices and Mobile Phones at Nambucca Heads Public School

Students are only permitted to bring a mobile device to school with approval from the Principal. If students are given approval to bring a device to school they are only allowed to use it with approval from the Principal. The phone will be given to the front office for safekeeping when the student arrives at school and can be collected from the office at 3pm (not before).

If a phone or other device is used at school or brought to school without permission, teachers will confiscate the device and give it to the student's Stage leader. Parents will then be required to collect the mobile from school and the incident will be treated as a behaviour management issue. As with any behaviour management issue, the school will follow our Wellbeing Policy processes and the student may need to participate in a detention or be suspended if the behaviour continues.

Technology in the form of mobile phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, smart watches and any other electronic devices with internet access are not permitted on excursions or overnight camps in Primary School. If your child wishes to bring a camera for photographs, it must be a digital camera only.

At Nambucca Heads Public School we encourage future focused learning, this often includes the use of technology. NHPS has purchased more than 130 laptops and iPads for our students over the past 3 years to ensure that students have access to the technology required to maximise learning progress. Students at Nambucca Heads Public School do not need to bring personal mobile devices to school to enhance learning.

How the Process works:

1. Parents who feel that their child requires a mobile phone at school for safety reasons can fill out an application form via the front office. There are very few examples of when a primary aged child will need a mobile phone during their school day. Some acceptable examples are: a child needs to call home after getting to a bus stop or whilst walking home from a bus stop, or a child with special needs has a tablet that they bring to school.
2. The principal will decide if the reasons given are sufficient and if so, will approve.
3. If approval is given and a child needs to make a phone call during the day they can do this from the front office on the school landline. If the child needs to access a number from their phone they will be allowed to access their phone to get the number under supervision and the phone will be returned to the safekeeping location.

This has been unanimously approved by the staff and P and C of Nambucca Heads Public School.