Student Mobile Phone & Digital Device Management Strategy

Community Presentation

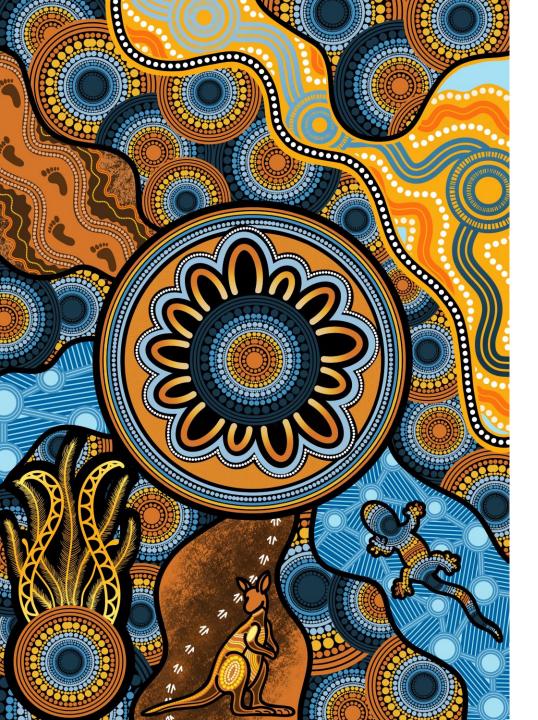
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Acknowledgement of Country



We would like to acknowledge the Dharawal Nation, where the students and staff of Camden High School live, learn and work.

As we share our own knowledge, teaching and learning within our school, may we also pay our respect to the knowledge and storytelling of Aboriginal Elders past, present and emerging.

Why are we implementing this strategy?



This strategy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interactions.

The implementation of this strategy is a requirement under the NSW Department of Education: **Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy.**



What is the 'locked device pouch' system?





The locked device pouch system will keep your child's phone locked and secure during the school day.

Your child will be provided with a pouch at the beginning of Term 4. When they enter the school grounds, the phones must be placed into their pouches and closed. A pin mechanism then locks the pouch, and the only way it can be opened is by passing it over an unlocking station. It means students can't access their phones and be distracted during school hours.

Once school is finished, students wave their pouch over the unlocking station when exiting, and then they have full use of their phones again. We will be securing several unlocking stations in various locations around the school. Each faculty, along with the front office, will have portable unlocking stations.

How does the 'locked device pouch' system work?







Question: What if I need to contact my child?

> Answer: A call can be placed directly to the school in an emergency.

Key Questions

Question: Who is responsible for the mobile phone?

> Answer: As your child retains their mobile phone throughout the day, they remain responsible.

Question: Are there any exemptions?

Answer: Requests for exemption on the basis of medical needs will be considered with appropriate medical documentation supplied.

Question: What devices are covered as part of this strategy?

Answer: Mobile phones are the focus but it also covers headphones and air Pods.

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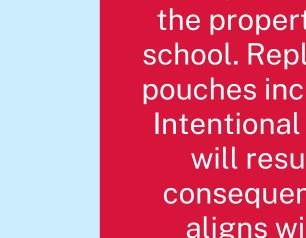
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Question: Can the phone be used to make purchases at the canteen?

> **Answer:** No, canteen purchases can be made using cards or cash only.

Key Questions

Questions: What happens if the phone pouch gets lost or damaged?





Answer: Phone pouches remain the property of the school. Replacement pouches incur a cost. Intentional damage will result in a consequence that aligns with the school's behaviour procedures.

Question: What will happen if my child does not comply? Question: What about school excur<u>sions?</u>

Answer: The school's existing student behaviour procedures will be applied to your child. (See Slide 10)

Key Questions

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Answer: The mobile phone & digital device management strategy applies to all school events, including sport, unless an exemption is made by the principal. If this is the case, information will be included in the permission form.

Student Behaviour Procedures Mobile & Digital Devices

NSW Department of Education Mobile Management

Camden High School Camden High School supports the restrictions of mobile phones in accordance with the NSW Department of Education: Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy. All mobile phones are required to be turned off and placed in a locked pouch for the full school day.

Camden High School student expectations:

- Student to place phone in pouch and lock all day including break times.

- Student to treat pouch and/or locks with care.

IF A STUDENT HAS NO POUCH:

- Student to take phone to office and hand in

- Student to collect phone receipt as evidence of submission

- Student to show teacher phone receipt upon

entry back to class.

Camden High School non compliance:

- Student fails to comply with mobile phone policy

- Student has mobile phone and associated digital devices sighted

- Student is using mobile phone and associated digital devices on school grounds.

- Student has found to have misused and/ or vandalised pouch or locking devices

Camden High School consequences:

- Phone is stored in office
- Contact with parent/ carer
- Phone collected by parent/ carer
- After school Reflection
- Formal Caution/ Suspension



How can you help?



- Discuss the mobile phone & digital device management strategy with your child.
- Remind them of their role in the process.
- Arrange for your child to use a card or cash when purchasing at the canteen.



Next steps



- We will be sending a letter home detailing all the finer details of the strategy.
- This strategy will be implemented at the beginning of Term 4.

