

# Campbellfield Heights Primary School

**CHPS VALUES:** Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Success



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Term 4 – No. 36**

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Dear parents,

We have now finished week 6 of Term 4 which means there are only 5 weeks until the end of the year. We have quite a few events coming up in the next couple of weeks.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - F/1s Fairy Tale Day**

Next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November the Grade F/1's are having a Fairy Tale Day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - 3/4s – Animation Incursion (at school)**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 4/5/6's Carnival Day 2:30 – 4pm - PARENTS WELCOME.** The 4/5/6s are looking forward to their carnival day. They have worked hard investigating

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 5/6 Imagineering Presentation – PARENTS** from 4/5/6 encouraged to attend.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 6 Graduation
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6-7 Orientation Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 6 Funfields Excursion
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 9 am - Carols@CHPS
- 16<sup>th</sup> December End Class Parties — Children asked to bring a plate of food to share.

**TERM 4 DATES**  
**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> October – Frid 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**11 week Term**

WEEK 6 - Term 4 2019	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Canteen Remembrance Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Breakfast Club Open 8:15am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Breakfast Club Open 8:15am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Breakfast Club Open 8:15am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>Prep Transition No.6</b> Canteen <b>No Assembly</b>



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Please read pages 3 – 7 for information regarding mobile phone use. Pages 4 & 5 is the Campbellfield Heights Mobile Phone Policy

Regards Jo Howard



School SunSmart Bucket hats can be purchased from the office for \$10.00  
Hats should be left at school in lockers.

# What is physical literacy and why is it important for your child?

## How you can nurture your child's participation in sport and physical activity at home

Our school recently secured funding from Sport Australia to run a Sporting Schools program *[insert details of which term/sport/classes etc.]*.

We know the students loved this program and it was a great way for children to find their 30 at school, however, while adults need 30 minutes of physical activity a day, children need 60. So, as well as finding 30 at school, they need to be finding 30 at home.



Sport Australia has provided us with some useful information on how parents and carers can continue to nurture a child's participation in sport and physical activity and find their 30 at home.

Physical literacy provides the foundation for a lifelong connection to sport and physical activity. It is about developing the **skills, knowledge and behaviours** that give us the confidence and motivation to move more and lead an active, healthy life. You can help develop your child's physical literacy by creating good habits with daily physical activity by increasing the opportunities for play-based activities at home. Entice your child/ren away from screen-time and teach them how to climb a tree, fly a kite, kick a footy or go for a bush walk together as a family. Encourage your child/ren to: help choose and plan the activities; set goals; and talk about how they feel while engaging in the activities. As a bonus, research has shown that children who are physically active achieve greater academic success and maintain higher attention levels during class at school.

See more examples of how you can support your child to develop their physical literacy and some activities you can do together as a family <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/findyour30/challenge>

We can all develop our physical literacy at any stage of life, so why not do it together! Find a new sport or physical activity you can try with your family this term.

As a school community we also encourage active transport to school so walking or riding to and from school pick up and drop off are some other great ways your children can be active and as a bonus you'll be finding your 30 and getting some physical activity too.

## Mobile phones - effective Beginning of 2020

On 26 June 2019, the Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, announced a new mobile phone policy for every government school in Victoria.

The new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020, and requires that students who choose to bring mobiles phones to school must have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

### The role of technology

We live in an exciting and technology-rich world and mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool. The school acknowledges that access to a mobile phone by children is important to many of our families in providing a sense of safety for their child while travelling to and from school, and for confirming or changing after school arrangements.

### Managing the impact of mobile phones

Mobile phones often create disruptions and distractions in classrooms. Establishing a 'mobile phone free zone' helps teachers to establish and maintain a focused and productive teaching and learning environment.

Research has found that mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school (e.g. accessing inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and unauthorised photography). Additionally, research shows that the unregulated presence of mobile phones in classrooms can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion.

A summary of recent, relevant research is available on the Department of Education and Training's [website](#).

At recess and lunchtime our school also values the opportunity for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device, particularly when using the device to engage with social media. The new policy does acknowledge that technology is increasingly impacting the way in which students learn and communicate.

Therefore, when a student has been given explicit permission to access and use such devices to enhance learning by the classroom teacher, mobile phones will be permitted for that specific purpose.

For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this.

I encourage each member of our school community to read the new policy which is available on our website. This policy outlines the school's expectations of staff, parents/carers, and students regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students at school.

### Emergency situations

In the event of an emergency or if you need to contact your child, I ask that families contact the staff in the school office who will pass on a message as needed. The school acknowledges that this new policy may require some adjustments. As such, I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in its implementation.

#### Key elements of the mobile phone policy:

- A new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020.
- Students will be required to switch off and store phones securely from the first bell until the last bell each day.
- Families should contact the school office should you need to pass an urgent message to your children.

## **PURPOSE**

To explain to our school community the Department's and Campbellfield Heights Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Campbellfield Heights Primary School and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**A mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

## **POLICY**

Campbellfield Heights Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Campbellfield Heights Primary School

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored in the main office during school hours
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

### **Personal mobile phone use**

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Campbellfield Heights Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

### **Secure storage**

Mobile phones owned by students at Campbellfield Heights Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Campbellfield Heights Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Department's [Personal Goods policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Campbellfield Heights Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Campbellfield Heights Primary School students are required to store their phones at the main office and the office staff will secure it until the end of the day.

## Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Campbellfield Heights Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies e.g. *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and/or *Code of Conduct* or *Bullying* policies.

At Example Campbellfield Heights Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
- during assessments

## Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

- may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,
  - Health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
  - Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite.
- can be granted by the principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#).

The three categories of exceptions allowed under the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) are:

### 1. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan
Students who are Young Carers	A localised student record

Where an exception is granted, the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.

## Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Campbellfield Heights Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

## Exclusions

This policy does not apply to Travelling to and from school

### RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Mobile Phones – Department Policy](#)
- [Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Bullying Policy](#)

### REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 and is scheduled for review in October 2022

This policy was last ratified by School Council in **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

## New mobile phone policy – frequently asked questions for families

Who does the new mobile phone policy apply to?

The new policy will apply to all Victorian government school students.

When will the new policy take effect?

Schools will be required to implement the new policy from Term 1, 2020.

Can students still bring a mobile phone to school?

Students can bring a mobile phone to school, but it must be turned off and stored securely during the school day. Parents can still contact their children through the school's administration office in emergencies.

Who is responsible for my child's mobile phone when at school?

Mobile phones brought to school are not covered by the school's insurance if they are lost, stolen or damaged.

For more information, please see the Department's [Personal Goods policy](#).

Why is this new policy important and what is the evidence-base for it?

This policy will help focus students' attention on learning in the classroom by providing them with:

- a safe environment to learn without distractions or inappropriate phone use (including cyberbullying)
- greater opportunity for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

A summary of research articles that provide information about the reason for the policy is available [here](#)

Will there be exceptions for use?

The new mobile phone policy allows for a small number of exceptions. For example, where the mobile phone is used to manage a health condition, or to support a classroom learning activity. Teachers can grant a classroom-based learning exception. All other exceptions are handled by the school principal.

More information about exceptions can be accessed [here](#).

Phones are part of every young person's life these days so why the change in policy?

Technology is important, but there needs to be a balance between the benefits and risks. The Victorian Curriculum recognises this, and is rich in digital learning opportunities to assist students to develop digital literacy skills at school. Where there is a genuine educational need to have mobile phones in the classroom, teachers can instruct their students to bring their phones to class.

How do I contact my child in an emergency?

In emergencies, parents can still contact their children through their school's administration office.

What will be the consequences for students caught with a mobile phone during school time?

Students who use their mobile phone at school will be treated in a manner consistent with their school's existing disciplinary policies.

Does the new policy include other mobile devices, e.g. smart watches?

The new policy does not currently apply to wearables e.g. smart watches and/or iPads. All notifications on such devices must be switched off.

What is my role as a parent or carer?

Parents and carers are encouraged to support their children to become safe and responsible technology users.

What advice is available to families when it comes to managing screen time and in supporting safe online behaviours?

The eSafety Commissioner provides a number of resources for families:

- [7 Tips for Managing Screen Time](#) – Provides tips and advice on what families can do to help their child(ren) balance their time on and offline
- [Online Safety: A guide for parents and carers](#) – Guide offering practical skills and advice about how to tackle the big issues associated with online activity
- [Screen Smart Parent Tour](#) – Explores topics such as social media, screen time, protecting personal information, cyberbullying, contact with strangers and accessing inappropriate content.

The Department of Education and Training also has a number of resources for parents and students on its [Bully Stoppers](#) webpage.

What if I have additional questions about the policy?

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