

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES

AT COBRAM SECONDARY COLLEGE
The school of choice for the Cobram Community

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Cobram Secondary College believes every student deserves a safe and positive learning experience where they are engaged and supported to reach their full potential.

The College adheres to the principles of Australian democracy and takes into account the diversity of all children and makes reasonable efforts to accommodate them. This includes (but is not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) individuals, and children who are vulnerable.

The College is committed to creating a child safe environment protecting children from all forms of abuse and neglect.

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community Cobram Secondary College's policy, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students, at school or during school activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Cobram Secondary College and,
2. Mobile Phones

DEFINITIONS

Personal mobile devices refer to mobile phones.

POLICY

Cobram Secondary College understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

- Mobile phones must not be used whilst on school premises. Mobile phones must be switched off, and locked securely in the student's locker during these times.
- Students in possession of, or using their mobile phones will have it confiscated and locked securely in the main office. It will usually be returned to the student or the parent/carer at the end of the school day.
- Students **are not** permitted to access their mobile phone during lunchtime or recess.
- The use of headphones is not permitted in class unless under the instruction of a teacher when being used for educational purposes. The College strongly advises that for safety reasons headphones are not used when students are travelling to and from school, eg. walking, riding a bike, moving on and off buses.

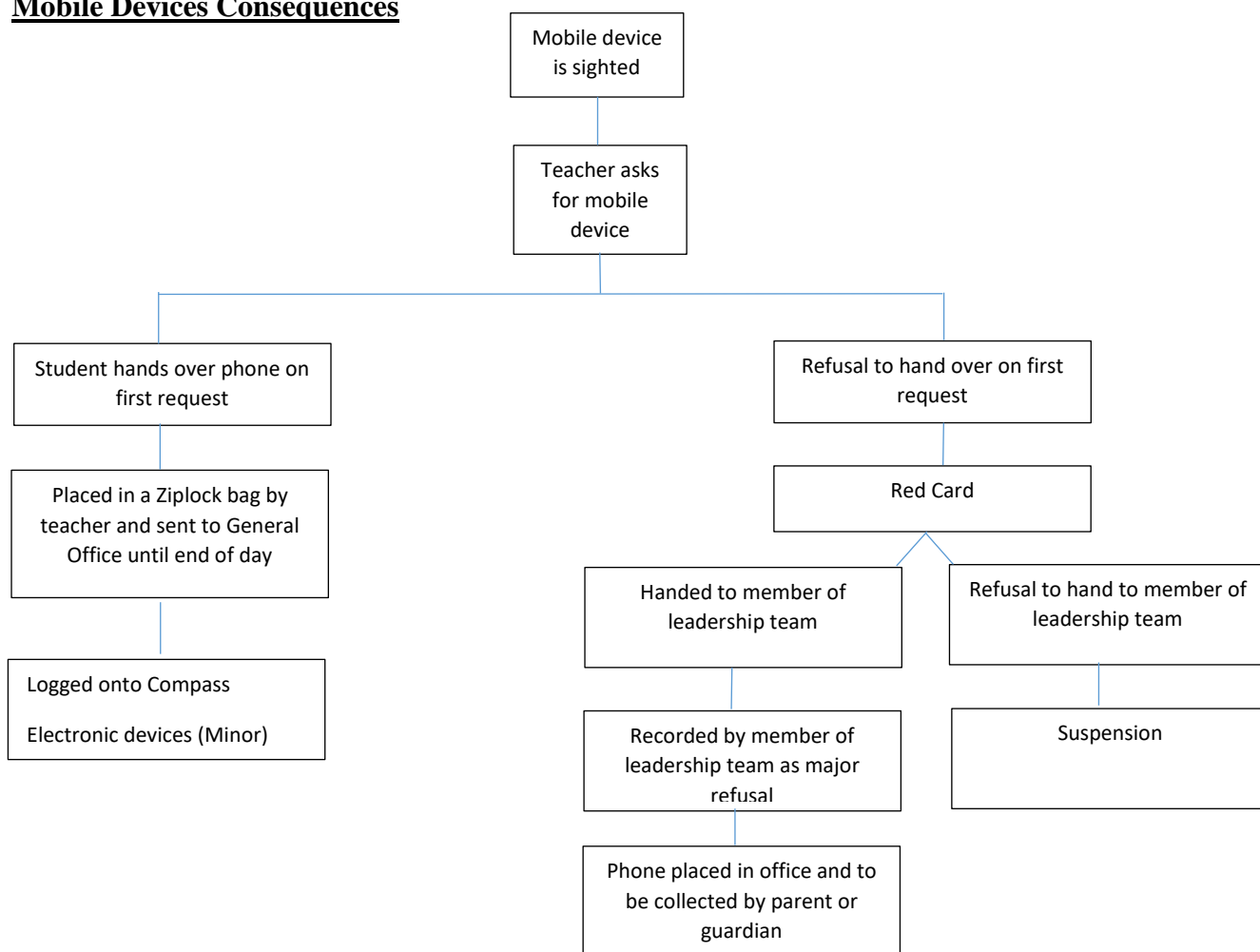
Insurance

Students are responsible for all items brought to school. Please note that the Cobram Secondary College 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 and ensure they have a lock for their locker to secure valuables.

Camps and Excursions

In most circumstances, students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones on overnight school camps or excursions. Cobram Secondary College will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

Mobile Devices Consequences



RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Digital Technologies Policy
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: Students Using Mobile Phones
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: Ban, Search and Seize Harmful Items