

OPHS Mobile Phone Procedures

The NSW Government has announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW high schools beginning in Term 4, 2023. This is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to also promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

Oran Park High School's 'Off and Away All Day' will continue to apply to mobile phones and will occur during all school hours, including break times such as during lunch and recess, as well as while students are on school-based excursions.

Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school, but they must be turned off and placed in their bags by the first bell at 8.50 am. They cannot be accessed by students again until the final bell at 3.00 pm.

School staff can allow students to use their mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, for their wellbeing or to support students with specific needs.

School procedures for mobile phone misuse are as follows:

Mobile Phone Misuse	School Action
1 st Instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone confiscated and handed to a Deputy Principal. • Student collects phone at the end of the school day. • Parents are notified via text message.
2 nd Instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone confiscated and handed to a Deputy Principal. • Parents are notified via text message. • Phone will be returned to the parent at a time convenient to them. • Student will be issued with an 'Warning to remove mobile phone privileges' letter.
3 rd Instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone confiscated and handed to a Deputy Principal. • Parents are notified via text message. • Phone will be returned to the parent at a time convenient to them. • Student will lose their right to have a mobile phone at school for ten school weeks (50 days). <p><i>Note: Where the student is required to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons it will be locked in the office during school hours for the ten week period.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further breaches of the school's procedures during the restriction period will be dealt with under the school's discipline policy.