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### **Introduction**

The School of Sport Education NT recognises the importance of students being able to communicate with family whilst away in a sporting team. Students are considered to be at a school sanctioned event when travelling with a School of Sport Education NT team and school policies relating to mobile phones and device use apply.

### **Purpose**

To ensure there is clarity regarding the use of mobile phones and devices for participating students, families and School of Sport Education NT Team Officials.

### **Policy**

Information regarding the use of mobile phones will be made clear to all participating students and their families.

In line with department policy:

Students in the 12 years and under age group are not permitted to have their mobile phones in their possession during the school day.

Students in the 15 years and under and 18 years and under age groups must have their mobile phones switched off and securely put away during the school day.

Students can access their mobile phones in certain circumstances with permission from the teacher in charge.

Team officials can designate other times when the use of mobile phones and devices is not allowed. Inappropriate use can be a source of disruption, and distraction from team involvement.

The use of mobile phones and devices between overnight hours designated by Team Officials is strictly prohibited. It is essential that all students sleep well to perform at their best. If parents need to make urgent contact with a student during those hours, contact can be made through the Team Manager. Parents travelling and accommodating with their children are expected to follow the same procedure.

Devices should not be used as cameras or video recorders out of respect for the privacy of other students and team officials. Potential privacy violations must be avoided by appropriate use of all devices.

Team officials may confiscate devices for short periods should there be reason to believe students are inappropriately using devices or not complying with the rules as outlined. The length of confiscation should be reasonable and may escalate if the behaviour is repeated.

Students accept all responsibility for safe keeping, and it is recommended that they carry a record of make, model and colour of any device in their possession in case a report is required for a lost device.