

# LABOR'S PLAN TO REMOVE MOBILE PHONES FROM CLASSROOMS

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# Remove mobile phones from classrooms

South Australian Labor believes technology must not act as a barrier for children getting the best quality education possible.

Banning the use of mobile phones in schools will go a long way towards improving the level of concentration within the classroom, and level of learning retention we want for our students.



**SA Labor is committed to banning mobile phones from public school classrooms.**

Children's exposure to bullying has increased exponentially through use of technology. Banning mobile phones will reduce that risk, creating a safer environment for students and allowing them to better focus on their education.

Reducing screen time will also give our children the best opportunity to remain active, engage in social interactions and create meaningful relationships during recess and lunch.

Technology is part of the future for all young people, but it is important to teach them how to manage the negative and take advantage of the benefits. Learning to put the phone away is an important lesson.

## Background

In 2019, the Victorian Government announced a ban on mobile phones in classrooms during schools would be implemented from 2020.

In New South Wales, a trial mobile phone ban showed students had improved concentration throughout the day. Further, outside the classroom the playground was transformed with students being more active, talking and playing sports rather than sitting around staring at their phones.

The students started the trial reluctantly but embraced the positive effect of the absence of their phones.

The Federal Minister for Education has called on all states to implement a ban to improve classroom concentration.


*"We want South Australian students to be afforded every opportunity to get the best possible learning outcomes possible."*

*"Technology has brought many benefits, but we are letting our young people down if we don't teach them how to be in control of technology."*

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