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### Mobile Phones Should be Recycled

Have you ever thought about the benefits of recycling your old mobile phone? Over ninety per cent of a mobile phone can be recycled! There are sixteen million old phones in Australia that aren't being used. Mobile industries believe we must recycle our phones.

Firstly, recycling your mobile is so simple. Don't be lazy, there are over three thousand collection places around Australia. You can also go to the Post Office to collect a special envelope for your mobile. There is no excuse for not recycling that old phone that has been sitting in your drawer for years!

In addition, your mobile phones are too valuable to throw out. A tonne of phone circuit boards can be used to make 300g of gold or 7.5kg of silver. This can be used to make precious jewellery. Would you rather create more waste or make something beautiful? Old phones can also be used to manufacture useful items such as saucepans, fences and street bollards.

Finally, if you just throw your phone in the bin and don't recycle it, it will contribute to land-fill. This takes up space and creates ugly, toxic pollution. Mobile phones do not decompose, the problem will only get worse.

So what will you do with your old mobile phone? It is obvious to see what the smartest choice is. Get started today!

\* Hurstville South Public School has started recycling mobile phones – there is a ‘Mobile Muster’ box kept in the office. You can recycle your phone, battery and mobile phone charger.

