



Mobile Phone Policy

Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purposes. For the purposes of this policy, mobile phones include smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

Rationale

While we recognise that mobile phones are an integral part of the 21st century life, it is important that we maintain our focus on learning for students and reduce distractions that impact students' academic, social and emotional well-being while at school.

Mobile phones must be handed into the teacher, they will be labelled and placed in a locked cupboard in the classroom until the end of the day. Staff will take reasonable care of devices, but take no responsibility for loss or damage. We ask students not to use their devices within school gates.

Policy Rules

Students are banned from using mobile phones from the time they arrive, to the conclusion of the school day, unless the student has been granted an exemption from the Principal. Please see exemption examples Below:

Exemption example

To monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan

Exemption example

Smart watches to be set up accordingly to be worn as a watch only during school hours.

Breach of Rules

In any instance where a student is using a mobile phone/ smart watch in the classroom or during recess and lunch, the following process will be followed:

First Breach

The phone will be confiscated, given to the office and will need to be collected by a guardian at the end of the day.

Second Breach

Will result in the loss of a good standing point.

All communication between parents and students during school hours, should occur via the school administration. Students who use a mobile phone to take photos or film a fight (including distribution or uploading of images and videos), will receive a suspension as per 'The Minister's Statement on School Violence.'