

Student Personal Mobile Communication Device Policy



Policy Statement

Under the Department of Education WA's Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy (2024), Kindergarten to Year 6 students are not permitted to have a mobile phone, smart watch, other electronic communication device or associated listening accessories in their possession during the school day, unless for a medical or -educational purpose.

Purpose

This policy sets out requirements for the appropriate management and use of personal mobile communication devices by students at Jolimont Primary School. It aligns with the Department of Education WA's Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy (2024).

For the purposes of this policy, 'personal mobile communication device' refers to personal mobile phones, smart watches and wearable devices with messaging or internet capabilities, non-school provided laptops, tablets, gaming devices and any other device connected to the internet. Personal iPads used as part of the BYOD year 4-6 program are exempted under this policy as devices used for a teacher-directed educational purpose.

Rationale

The widespread use of personal mobile communication devices necessitates clear conditions for their appropriate use within the school environment.

This policy ensures the use of personal mobile communication devices does not disrupt teaching, learning, or the effective management of the school.

This policy supports staff and students by:

Reducing the potential for learning distraction.

Protecting the privacy of staff and students.

Improving health and wellbeing.

Reducing the chance of students bringing external issues to school through technology.

Conditions

Students are not permitted to have personal mobile communication devices in their possession during the school day.

All personal mobile communication devices must be stored at the school office, handed in before the school day and collected at the end of the school day.

Exemptions

Exemptions apply for students who have approval from the Principal in the following circumstances:

Health Monitoring: For students who need to monitor a health condition as part of a school-approved, documented healthcare plan.

Educational Purpose: For specific purposes directly instructed by a teacher, integrating the device into a learning activity.

Procedure

No School Responsibility: The school will not accept responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage of any student's personal communication device under any circumstances.

Parent/carer-Student Communication: All communication between parents and students during school hours must occur through the school administration. In cases of genuine emergency or need, students can access a telephone at the school office.

Policy Breach: Students who do not comply with this policy will have their personal mobile communication device confiscated immediately and held at the school office. Parents will be notified of the confiscation, and the device will be available for collection by the student's parent from the school office.

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