

Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy



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Purpose

The aim of this policy is to provide:

- a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone, including other electronic device use, (including cyberbullying) or distractions

Department of Education Policy Statement

'The Department of Education does not permit students use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.'

For the purpose of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

Policy Guidelines

Aspiri Primary School (as per Education Dept Policy) discourages students from bringing mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic communication devices from to school.

If parents would like to request for their child to bring an electronic communication device to school, they must complete an *Aspiri Primary School Permission for use of Mobile Phones or Smart Watches* form available from the school office.

Exemptions to this will only be given:

- To monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- For a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- With permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

If permission is granted, the following applies:

- Aspiri Primary School **does not** accept any responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of student mobile phones, smart watches or any other electronic communication devices.
- Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have their mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the school day for the school day, including recess and lunch breaks.
- Smart watches must be put on to 'aeroplane mode' throughout the school day, including recess and lunch breaks.
- Mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic devices are not to be used to call or receive calls to/from parents throughout the school day. All contact must be made through the school office on 9397 8300.
- Mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic devices are not used to harass, bully, or intimidate students or staff.
- All mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic devices must be clearly labelled with the student's full name.
- The Principal or delegate may revoke permission at any point.

Any breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE OR SMART WATCH TO SCHOOL 2023

I wish to request that my child _____ be permitted to bring a _____ to school.

Reason for request:

In requesting permission, I understand and accept that:

On arrival at school, mobiles phones are to be switched off or onto silent mode and placed into a storage box for the school day. Smart watches are to be turned onto aeroplane mode on arrival at school.

The use of a mobile phone or smart watch (other than as a watch) will result in the phone or watch being confiscated and placed in the front office for pick up by the student at the end of the day. Parents will be informed.

Mobile phones and smart watched are not to be used during school events, incursions, excursions, camps.

The school takes **no** responsibility for the for the replacement of damaged, lost or stolen devices.

Student's full name: _____

Student's signature: _____

Parent/carer's name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____