

Secret Harbour Primary School STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

Policy

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

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Secret Harbour PS for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Secret Harbour Primary recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Secret Harbour PS.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Parents who let their child bring a mobile phone to school must complete an 'Application for Student Use of a Mobile Phone'.
- Parents and students agree to abide by the 'Conditions of use' set down in the agreement.
- Smart watches must be in 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

While at Secret Harbour PS, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated. Once it is confiscated it can only be collected by the parent whose signature is on the agreement.
- Repeated breaches will void the agreement.
- Students found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended.

Further Guidance

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

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