

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL POLICY

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

Mundaring PS does not require students to have or use a mobile phone while at school as all communication between parents and students during school hours should occur via the school's administration.

The school recognizes however that there are an increasing number of parents/carers who, for safety, security and/or emergency purposes, wish to provide their children with mobile phones or smart watches for use before and after school. This policy details the conditions under which these devices are permitted at Mundaring PS.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students is banned from the time they arrive on the school site to the time they leave the grounds. This includes before class and during recess/lunch breaks.
- Where mobile phones are required to be carried by students, they must be switched off upon entering the school grounds and remain in student bags during the school day.
- Smart watches may be worn at school but must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Please note that while we take all care to protect student belongings, the school is not responsible for the security and safety of student mobile phones and smart watches while on the school site.

Exemptions

- Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires the use of a mobile phone:
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
 - under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or
 - with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Parents who wish to apply for an exemption to this policy are asked to contact 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. Consequences for breaching the policy include:
 - Students will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration when a parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone at their earliest convenience.
 - In the case of repeated breaches of this policy by a student, the principal may direct that the mobile phone be withdrawn from the school for a set period of time or permanently.