



RATIONALE

This school policy is based on the Department of Education's Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy v2.0, effective 6 December 2023. The Department does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless there is an approved medical, teacher-directed educational or specified purpose exemption.

Goollelal Primary School recognises that some parents and carers wish to provide their children with mobile phones or wearable devices with messaging, Internet and Bluetooth capabilities for safety, security or emergency. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Goollelal Primary School.

DEVICES COVERED BY THIS POLICY

For the purpose of this policy, '**mobile phones**' include mobile phones, smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories such as headphones and ear buds. Smart watches must be set to airplane mode so calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day. Students must not use personal devices to photograph, record, message or contact others during the school day unless an exemption has been approved.

CONDITIONS OF USE: OFF AND AWAY ALL DAY

Off and away all day means that mobile phones and smart devices must be turned off and not accessed by students from the time they arrive at school until the conclusion of the school day.

1. The sole responsibility for phone security lies with the owner of the phone.
2. Phones must remain turned off and either secured in school bags or handed to the class teacher for safekeeping.
3. Smart watches must be set to 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
4. If a student is found to use a smart device during the day, the device will be confiscated, parents will be notified and the device will be available for collection at the end of the day from admin. Further consequences will be considered by the principal in line with the behaviour policy.

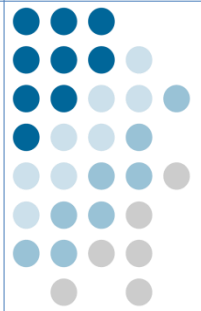
COMMUNICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All communication between parents/carers and students during school hours must occur through the school office. If a student is unwell or needs support, they must speak with a staff member. The school will contact parents/carers when required.

EXEMPTIONS

An exemption may be approved for:

- monitoring health condition as part of a documented health care plan;
- a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- another specified purpose approved by a teacher or school leader.



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