



Eaton Primary School

Student Mobile Phone / Device & Smart Watch Policy

Policy Statement

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

More information: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/policies/-/student-mobile-phones-in-public-schools-policy>

Scope

This policy relates to student personal mobile electronic devices including, but not limited to, mobile phones, smart watches and wearables, earbuds, earphones, unauthorised laptops, tablets, gaming devices, bluetooth equipment, portable speakers, media and photographic devices.

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

Conditions

The use of mobile phones / devices 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.

Mobile phones / devices must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day. Eaton Primary School will securely store student mobile phones during the school day.

Smart watches are required to be set to “parent controlled watch only function” during school hours, so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day and apps cannot be accessed. If the smart watch is unable to be set to “watch only” then it is required to be stored in the office during school hours as per mobile phones / devices conditions.

Parents, students and staff have shared responsibility for supporting the Student Mobile / Device and Smart Watch Policy.

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration or classroom teacher.

Breaches of this Policy

A breach of appropriate use is managed in accordance with this policy and the Student Behaviour Policy. In any instance where a student has a mobile phone / device once they have entered the school grounds, without an exemption, the following procedures apply:

- The student will be asked to hand the device to the staff member;
- The staff member will deliver the device to Administration, where it will be stored safely;
- Parents will be notified;
- Parents can collect the device from the front office after receiving the notice; and
- Continued breaches of the policy will result in a permanent ban of the mobile device at school for the individual student.

Personal belongings of staff and students are not covered against loss, theft, damage or misadventure by the Department of Education insurer.