



Armadale Education Support Centre

Student Mobile Phones in School Policy

Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones, smart watches and associated listening accessories, such as headphones and ear buds. in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted.

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 (off and away all day)
- Students are permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, however they must be turned off and neither seen nor heard.
- Smart watches must be in "Aeroplane mode" so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day

Exemptions and Communication

Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires 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
- Students attending Workplace Learning or Traineeships may be given permission by school staff to use their phone and specific apps – E.g. Transperth Journey Planner during the school day

Armadale Education Support Centre has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. In emergencies, where students need to get in contact with parents/carers, students are to notify the appropriate school staff. If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.