



Ellenbrook Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

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The Ellenbrook Primary School Behaviour Management Policy is proudly endorsed by

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Principal

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Related Policies:

Department of Education Student Mobile Phones in Public School Policy – February 2020

Ellenbrook Primary School Behaviour Management Policy – May 2021



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 Ellenbrook Primary School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Ellenbrook 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. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Ellenbrook Primary School.

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.
- Neither the school nor the Department of Education will accept any responsibility if mobile phones or electronic devices are lost, damaged or stolen.

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.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Ellenbrook Primary School, 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

- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone at their earliest convenience.
- Further disciplinary action, in accordance with Ellenbrook Primary School student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches, depending on the circumstances of the breach.

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.