



Mobile Device Policy Statement

To support student learning, wellbeing, and positive social interactions at school, the Department of Education requires that students do not use mobile phones or smart watches during the school day. The only exceptions are when a device is needed for a documented medical reason or when a teacher has approved its use for a specific educational activity.

Mosman Park Primary School follows this requirement to help create a focused and safe learning environment for all students. If a student does not follow this policy, the matter will be managed in line with our school's Student Behaviour Policy.

Rationale

At Mosman Park Primary School, we aim to support students to learn confidently, build positive relationships, and develop independence. Minimising distractions from personal technology helps students stay focused in class, engage in active play, and interact positively with others.

For the purposes of this policy, *mobile devices* include mobile phones, smart watches, headphones, and earbuds.

While we understand that families may choose for their child to have a device before or after school, we strongly discourage students from bringing mobile devices to school. These devices can disrupt learning and play, and may be used in ways that are not appropriate at school, such as accessing social media or taking photos or recordings without permission. This can cause distress to others and may breach personal privacy.

Parents and carers who need to contact their child during the school day are asked to phone the school office on **6458 7700**. Students can also contact their parents or carers through the school office if needed.

The expectations for student use of mobile devices at school are outlined below.

Guidelines for Students

To help maintain a focused, safe, and positive learning environment, the following expectations apply to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

- Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. Mosman Park Primary School follows a **“Packed away for the school day”** approach, meaning mobile devices must not be used from the time students arrive at school until the end of the school day.
- Exceptions may be made only when a student has been granted an exemption for:
 - monitoring a health condition as part of a school-approved documented health care plan
 - a specific educational activity under the direct instruction of a teacher
 - a particular purpose approved by a teacher

- Mobile devices must not be used at school to:
 - send or check text messages
 - play games
 - access the internet or social media
 - take photos or videos
 - view or share images
 - record audio

These restrictions apply in classrooms, the playground, and during incursions and excursions.

- Smart watches must be set to Schooltime or Airplane Mode during school hours, with notifications, communication features, and location services turned off. Smart watches must be stored in the student's school bag for the duration of the school day.
- If a mobile phone is brought to school, it must remain switched off (or on silent) and stored in the student's school bag at all times, including before school, recess, and lunch. Families may also choose to have the device securely stored at the front office during the day.
- Students are not to use personal devices to call or message home during the school day. If a student needs to contact a parent or carer, the school office will assist. Likewise, parents can contact students through the school office.
- Any mobile device brought to school is the responsibility of the student and family. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft, or damage. Mobile devices can be attractive targets for theft, which is another reason we discourage bringing them to school.

If a student uses a mobile phone or smart watch in breach of these guidelines, the device will be confiscated. Parents or carers will be notified, and the device must be collected from the Administration Office by a parent or guardian at the end of the school day.

The Principal may grant exemptions to this policy in exceptional circumstances.