

Student Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Agreement

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

Eglinton Beach 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 agreement details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at 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.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day. Students will need to sign their mobile phones in and out at the administration office. Eglinton Beach Primary School will securely store student mobile phones 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.
- Smart watches must be on 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Eglinton Beach 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.
- Where a student has been granted an exemption, the mobile phone can be used by the student, however its use must be monitored by school staff and then stored in the administration office when not in use.

Guidelines or use for students:

Mobile Phones

If I have a mobile phone at school, it is my responsibility to:

- Sign on the following page to acknowledge I agree to adhere to the Student Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Agreement.
- Hand my switched off mobile phone to my teacher each morning, for safe storage, and collect back from them only at 3pm.
- Not lend my mobile phone to another student.
- Keep my mobile phone in my school bag until I'm out of the school gates (before and after school).
- Understand that my mobile phone will be confiscated and stored in the office, for a parent/guardian to collect, if any of the above agreements are breached.

Smart Watches

If I have a smart watch at school, it is my responsibility to:

- Have my parents/guardians sign below to acknowledge they agree to adhere to the Mobiles and Smart Watches in Schools Agreement.
- Ensure my smart watch is to school mode during school hours (8.20am-2.45pm) and report any messaging occurring during the school day, on my smart watch, to my teacher immediately.
- Not use my smart watch until I have left the school site or are out of the school's care.
- Take responsibility for my smart watch and any damages or loss that occur to it.

Guidelines for parents:

If my child brings a mobile phone/smart watch to school, it is my responsibility to:

- Sign on the following page to acknowledge I agree to adhere to the Student Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Agreement.
- Remind my child to sign their mobile phone in at the office, switched off, each day.
- Remind my child to ensure their smartwatch is on 'aeroplane mode'.
- Help my child to use their mobile phone/smartwatch responsibly on school days.
- Not to contact my child on their mobile phone or smartwatch during school hours.

Reinforcement of this Policy

- Teachers will discuss this agreement with their students.
- Parents will sign this agreement.
- The community will be made aware of this agreement.

- The agreement will be placed on the school website.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this agreement will be managed in accordance with the school's *Behaviour Support Guidelines*.

Further Guidance

For the purposes of this agreement, 'mobile phones' and 'smart watches' include associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

Please see this link for further information: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/mobile-phones>

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I, _____ Parent/Guardian/Carer for _____(Student Name)

have read and agree to the conditions within this Student Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Agreement.

Details of exemption (if applicable): _____

Student Signed _____ Date _____

Parent Signed _____ Date _____