



Spearwood Primary School

Student Mobile Phones in School Policy

SCHOOL PURPOSE: To develop the students' academic, social and physical skills so that they may develop a balanced attitude toward life, and participate as a responsible member of society.

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

Spearwood 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 Spearwood 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.
- 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 (*"off and away all day"*). Spearwood Primary School will securely store student mobile phones during the school day.

Exemptions and Communication

Spearwood Primary School 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.

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.

While at Spearwood 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.
- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures. Further disciplinary action, in accordance with Spearwood Primary School student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and/or depending on the circumstances of the breach.

Further Guidance

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' include smart watches, which MUST be in 'aeroplane mode', other electronic communication devices and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

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All Spearwood Primary School Policies function under the: Policies, Instructions and Guidelines of the Department of Education, Western Australia. They are to be reviewed upon changes to the overarching Policies, Instruction and Guidelines or upon a regular three year minimum