

Settlers Primary School

Mobile Phone Policy

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Independent Public School

Policy Statement

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 Settlers Primary for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Settlers Primary 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.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned at all times students are on school grounds. 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 stored in students bags or may be taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day. Students who bring mobile phones to school do so at their own risk.

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
- Smart watches must be in 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Settlers 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 office via telephone.

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 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.

