

Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Endeavour Schools for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Endeavour Schools recognise 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 Endeavour Schools.

Conditions of Use

The use of mobile phones for all students is not permitted from the time they enter the school grounds to the conclusion of the school day, unless under the instruction of a teacher or staff member. Mobile phones should be 'off and away all day'.

All students: Primary students (Kindergarten to Year 6)

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. The phone or device will be securely stored.

Exemptions and Communication

- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Endeavour Schools, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the schools' administration.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.

In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held at administration. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school 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.