



Mobile Electronic Devices Guidelines

The Department of Education's Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy states:

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

More information can be found by visiting:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/policies/-/student-mobile-phones-in-public-schools-policy>

The South Thornlie Primary School Mobile Electronic Devices Guidelines support the above statement.

<p>Mobile Phones</p> <p>Smart Watches</p> <p>iPads/Tablets</p> <p>Laptops</p>	<p>Mobile electronic devices include a range of devices such as smartphones, smart watches, tablets, laptops and other electronic communication devices.</p> <p>It is understood that for communication and safety reasons, parents may wish their child/ren to have a mobile device with them while travelling to and from school.</p> <p>Once entering the school grounds, students must ensure that their devices are switched off and handed in to the front office for safe keeping. Devices should be collected at the end of each day.</p> <p>The prohibition of the use of mobile devices applies to all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day (off and away all day) unless the student has been granted an exemption.</p> <p>The prohibition and exemptions stated above also apply to school organised excursions, events and camps.</p>
<p>Safekeeping</p>	<p>Devices should be handed to office staff at the start of the day. A labelled pocket is provided for each student.</p> <p>Students <u>must not</u> keep their mobile devices in their school bags or with them.</p>
<p>Exceptions</p>	<p>Under certain circumstances an exemption may be applied including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan • for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher • with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose. <p>Any application for exemption should be made in writing to the school Principal.</p>
<p>Consequences</p>	<p>First breach - the student will be instructed to turn it off and take their device to the front office for safe keeping.</p> <p>Second breach - the mobile device will be confiscated and passed to the Deputy for collection at the end of the day. Parents will be contacted.</p> <p>Third breach - the mobile device will be confiscated and may be required to be collected by the parent.</p>
<p>Serious Breach</p>	<p>Where the breach is of a serious nature affecting other students or staff members, parents will be contacted. The offending student may be prohibited from bringing the device to school and a suspension may result.</p> <p>This sanction may be imposed as a result of numerous and consistent breaches of this policy.</p>
<p>Liability</p>	<p>Parents/carers and students are reminded that no liability is accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage of any electronic device.</p>