

MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY



For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches and devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear pods.

Rationale

The state-wide ban on the use of mobile phones in WA schools is intended to remove the potential learning distraction at school, protect the privacy of staff and students and improve the health and wellbeing of students by improving social connections.

Policy

In order for a student to bring a mobile phone or wearable device with messaging, internet or Bluetooth capabilities to school, parents/carers need to write to the Principal requesting permission for the child to have the device at school.

Procedures

- Mobile phones are to be turned off on entering the school grounds and handed to the class teacher upon entering the classroom. The class teacher will store the mobile phones in a locked cupboard.
- Mobile and electronic devices that are worn with messaging capabilities must be on aeroplane mode during the school day. Under no circumstances are students to take photos of other students using their device.
- Students will collect their phone from the classroom teacher at the end of the day. Mobile phones which are not collected by the student at the end of the day will remain in the secure cupboard until the next school day.
- Mobile phones may only be turned on when students are not on school premises.
- Mobile phones must be turned off and in students' bags when they are not locked away.
- Personal electronic devices brought to school are at the sole risk and liability of the student / parents. The school and our staff do not accept any responsibility for any loss, breakage or safekeeping of such mobile phones or any other personal electronic devices. The Department of Education does not provide insurance for the personal property of students, staff or community member.
- All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via our school office on 9562 8600.

Students infringing on the procedures noted above will have their mobile phone or device confiscated and secured. It will be taken to the front office and kept secure, and the parent(s) of the student informed. Parent(s) of the student may collect the device at their convenience.

Any incidents of inappropriate behaviours will be worked through in line with our Behaviour Support Policy, which may include the Principal withdrawing permission for the student to bring a mobile phone to Riva Primary School for a set period, or permanently.

Parents who require their child to bring a mobile phone to school, including a smart watch and any wearable device with messaging, Internet and Bluetooth capabilities, and associated listening accessories must complete the form on the following page.



Student Mobile Phone and Messaging Devices Permission Form

I wish for my child _____ LA _____ to have permission to bring a mobile phone or personal electronic device to school (e.g. smart watch).

Please provide a reason that a mobile phone or personal electronic device is required at school for your child:

I have read the school's policy on Mobile Phones and personal electronic devices and agree to the procedures and sanctions.

I understand that the school does not accept responsibility for any theft, loss or damage of mobile phones and personal electronic devices.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Phone Contact: _____

Date: _____

Approval of Principal

Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

