



ANNE HAMERSLEY Primary School

— An Independent Public School —
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MOBILE PHONE POLICY AND PROCEDURES *Written March 2021*

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

Anne Hamersley 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 Anne Hamersley 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, in line with the Department of Education's 'off and away all day' policy. This includes during break times.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.

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
 - Under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Anne Hamersley 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 or classroom teacher.

Storage of Mobile Phones

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who bring a mobile phone to school must turn their phone on to silent and hand it to their classroom teacher at the commencement of the school day. The classroom teacher will lock the student's mobile phone away for the day in the classroom. The classroom teacher will then hand the mobile phone back to the student at the end of the day.

Breaches of this Policy

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

- 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 disciplinary action, in accordance with Anne Hamersley Primary School student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.

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.