

# Nedlands Primary School

## Students and Mobile Phones Policy

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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.

Nedlands Primary school recognises that parents/carers have supplied students with mobile phones for security and safety purposes to and from school. The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

## Rationale

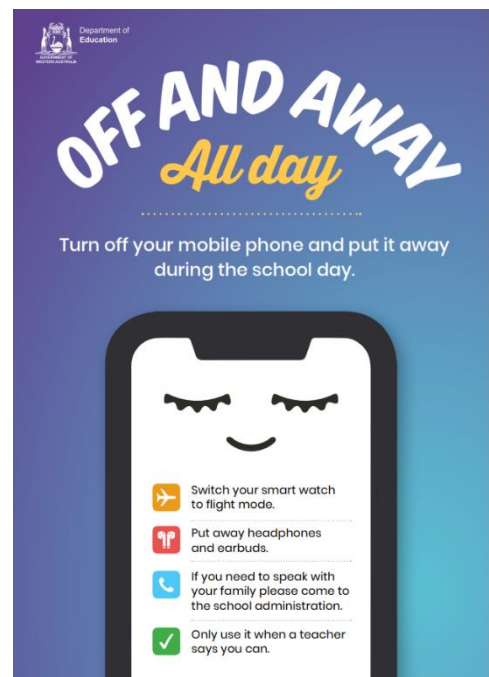
This policy is based on the premise that students should be at school, free from distractions and external contact, unless in emergency or unavoidable circumstances.

## Department of Education Policy

The State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on areophone mode during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

In the policy, primary students cannot have a mobile phone in their possession. This means if your child brings a mobile phone to school, it will be stored until the end of the school day.



## Nedlands PS Policy

### Contacting a student

While at Nedlands PS students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Protocol for parent/carer needing to urgently contact a student is:

- Contact administration for all matters relating to your child including passing on information during school hours: 9278 6300.
- Contacting students directly on their mobile phones during school hours is not permitted.
- Administration will contact the teacher who will either pass on the message or send the student to administration.
- Our staff will ensure communication between teacher, parent and student.

### Conditions of use

- Mobile phones are to be handed to the classroom teacher immediately upon entering the classroom in the morning. Phones will be stored in a locked space till the end of the school day.
- Watches with messaging are to be set on flight mode and no communication with these are permitted during the day.
- Mobile phones cannot be left in school bags during the day.
- The use of associated cameras or recording devices whilst on school grounds, including before and after school, are not permitted.
- If mobile phones are on or used during the school day they will be confiscated from the student for the remainder of the 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.

### Electronic devices

We acknowledge that electronic devices can support student learning, e.g. iPads, Kindles, iReaders, tablets, etc. If students bring a personal electronic device to school, the following applies:

- Student must have permission from the teacher to use an electronic device at school.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to an electronic device.
- Any damage or losses are the responsibility of the parent/carer.
- Students bring electronic devices to school at their own risk.
- All devices are to be in flight mode at all times

### Breach of this policy

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the School Behaviour Management 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.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the principal may request the withdrawing of the mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.
- Inappropriate use of any electronic device will result in confiscation and at principal discretion consequences relative to the breach of conduct in line with the school's behavior management policy.

## At own risk

The school will act reasonably to support the security and safety of devices.  
Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to any student's mobile phone or SIM card.  
Any damage or losses are the responsibility of the parent/career.

In the case of fire or theft the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or breakage of any student's mobile or electronic device of any form.

## Related Documents

### Related Department policies

3/2/2020 DOE Policy Version 1 Ref no. D19/047/9893 Notes: This new Student Mobile Phones in Public School Policy was endorsed by the Director General on 29/10/2019 D190496266

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

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## HISTORY OF CHANGES

Effective Date	Last Revision Date	Revised by	Endorsement	Notes
23 Feb 2020	2020	Fiona McBeath	Board ratified	
	18/02/2022	Linda Griffin		Changes -Contacting students Inclusions – History of Changes, no bag storage Related Documents,