

Use of Mobile Phones and Personal Electronic Devices by Students at Andrews Creek Primary School

All Tasmanian Government Schools from Kindergarten to Year 12 have implemented restrictions on the use of mobile phones and personal electronic devices by students at school. This includes smart watches, tablets and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and earbuds.

Kindergarten to Year 12 – “Off and away all day”

The decision to restrict the use of mobile phones and personal electronic devices by students during the school day will support schools to minimise distraction from learning and encourage healthy and positive personal interactions.

The policy has been developed in consultation with schools, School Associations and students.

When students arrive at school, they must hand their phone or personal electronic device in at the office. They will be stored in a safe place until the end of the school day. Smart watches can be worn during the school day, but must not be used for phone calls, texting, gaming or anything involving internet access. All communication with students during the school day must go through the school office.

Mobile phones or personal electronic devices brought to school are not covered by the school's insurance if they are lost, stolen or damaged. Students who bring their mobile phone or personal electronic device to school must have parental and principal permission as per the attached form. Students who do not follow the policy will have the matter treated in a manner consistent with our school's Respectful Student Behaviour Policy.

This policy applies to all students unless they meet the requirements of an approved exemption.

Exemptions may be considered where students require the use of their mobile phone for educational adjustments, monitoring health conditions or other extenuating circumstances.

If you give permission for your child to bring a mobile phone or personal electronic device to school, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

Use of Mobile Phones and Personal Electronic Devices by Students at School

I give permission for my child to bring their mobile phone or personal electronic device to school. My child and I understand the following rules:

- Students must hand their phone or personal electronic device in at the office when they arrive at school. All devices must be switched off.
- Smart watches can be worn, but must not be used for phone calls, texting, gaming or anything involving internet access.
- Mobile phones or personal electronic devices brought to school are not covered by the school's insurance if they are lost, stolen or damaged.
- Students who do not follow the policy will have the matter treated in a manner consistent with our school's Respectful Student Behaviour Policy.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Principal Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____