

Student Mobile Phone/Smart Device Policy

Rationale

To explain to our school community Wilandra Rise Primary School's policy requirements, and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones /smart devices by students, at school or during school activities.

Policy Statement

Wilandra Rise Primary School understands that students may bring a mobile phone and or smart device (ie tracking watches etc) with capacity to send/receive messages to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities.

Mobile phones/smart devices must be:

- switched off prior to the morning bell ringing.
- handed to the home group teacher for safe keeping in the learning community until the end of the day when it may be collected.

Mobile phone/smart device use

Mobile phones/smart devices must not be used:

- during class or assemblies or in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages/texts or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms and stadium.

Students who use their mobile phone/smart devices inappropriately at school may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's Student Wellbeing and/or Student Engagement & Inclusion policies.

Insurance

Students are responsible for their mobile phone. Please note that Wilandra Rise Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones that may be brought to school. Students are responsible for items brought to school.

Camps and excursions

Students will not be allowed to bring their mobile phones/smart devices on overnight school camps or excursions. Wilandra Rise Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can be brought to special activities and events, including mobile phones.

Related Policies and Resources

- [Wilandra Rise Primary School Student Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Wilandra Rise Primary School Student Engagement & Inclusion Policy](#)
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Students Using Mobile Phones](#)

Review Period

This policy was last updated in June 2018 and is scheduled for review in June 2021.

Evaluation

To be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review process.