

# Student mobile phones in government schools

## Driver Primary School

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#### Policy

Student mobile phones are not permitted to be used in Northern Territory Government schools. Exemptions apply for teacher directed educational purposes or for medical reasons.

Driver Primary School respects the right of parents who wish to provide their child with a mobile phone. This policy details the conditions under which student mobile phones are permitted at Driver Primary School.

This policy applies to mobile phones, smart watches and all other devices that allow electronically based distractions.

#### Conditions of use

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones, smart watches and all other devices that allow electronically based distractions in their possession during the school day.

Mobile phones, smart watches and electronic devices owned by students at Driver Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at student's or parent's risk.

Please note that Driver Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft of personal items. Students and their parents are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for their personal items.

If brought to school, mobile phones, smart watches and other electronic devices must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day.

#### Exemptions

It is acknowledged that mobile devices can be powerful education tools when used responsibly. Many teachers and students in Driver Primary School use devices in ways that support educational outcomes, including accessing information and resources, taking photos or videos of learning activities, playing educational games, and collaborating with other students. For some students, mobile phones and apps are critical for monitoring their health condition.

As such, students may be granted an exemption to use their mobile phone and smart watch during the school day:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan
- if requested by a teacher for a specific educational purpose

## Communication

Driver Primary School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school office.

## Non-compliance of this policy

Students who use their mobile phones, smart watches or other electronic devices inappropriately at Driver Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's Student wellbeing and behaviour policy and Code of Conduct.

At Driver Primary School, inappropriate use of mobile phones is any use during school hours unless an exception has been granted.

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the school's Student Wellbeing and Behaviour Policy.

In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone, smart watch or electronic device usage by a student, the item will be confiscated and held at the office. The parent will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone, smart watch or electronic device.

Further action in accordance with Driver Primary School Student Wellbeing and Behaviour policy may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.