

Electronic Devices Policy

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To be reviewed: Annually

Overview

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 Sutherland Dianella Primary School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Sutherland Dianella 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 Sutherland Dianella Primary School.

Purpose

- The school has a responsibility to protect all students from the inappropriate use of electronic devices.
- The school has a responsibility to reduce the potential for learning distraction
- The school has a responsibility to protect the privacy of staff and students
- The school has a responsibility to improve health and wellbeing
- The school has a responsibility to reduce the chance of students bringing external issues to school through technology

Policy

The use of electronic devices by student outside of the Bring your own Device to School program during the school day is not permitted. The school day includes before and after school care on site.

This includes smart watches – that is, watches with capabilities which enable phone calls, email, messaging and/or photos/videos.

Students who are participating in the Bring your own device to School program, must commit to an *iPromise* each year. The *iPromise* must be co-signed by their home teacher and their parents.

Procedures

- All students have access to their parents in an emergency during the school day through the school administration office. Similarly, all parents have access to their child in an emergency through the school administration office.
- Students bringing electronic devices to school must dock them with their teacher at the beginning of the school day. They will be held in secure storage and will be returned at the end of the day.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage. Parents must arrange cover for devices under their own insurance.
- Students using any electronic device inappropriately will be managed under the school's behaviour management policy.



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