

Glenelg Primary School Mobile Phone Policy (includes smart watches)



Glenelg Primary School recognises that digital devices such as smart phones have value. However, within the confines of the school environment their use has the potential to be disruptive when it undermines the integrity of an individual's right to privacy, adversely affects the quality of teaching and learning, and interferes with the efficient operation of the school. Mobile phones with cameras, video capabilities, Internet access, text messaging and e-mail can be used inappropriately but it is also recognised that they may have value to the learning process when used appropriately.

Our school has a reliable wireless network and a BYOD policy for year 5, 6 and 7. However, a mobile phone is NOT considered to be a preferred BYOD device and is not to be connected to our network. Similarly, smart watches, such as an Apple Watch, are not considered part of our BYOD program. Mobile phones and smart watches are not to be used for calls or messages during the school day between 8.45am – 3.15pm.

Parents are requested not to contact students by mobile phone during the school day, 8.45am – 3.15pm. If parents need to urgently contact a student they are to follow normal procedure and contact the school who will then contact and support the student as necessary.

Mobile phones or watches should not be used in class or used during school time to connect to social media. This includes excursions, camps or school events. If mobile phones are brought to school, they should remain securely in the student's bag or the class teacher may choose to look after it for the day.

Phones and devices that are brought to school are the responsibility of the owner. **The school will not take any responsibility for damage, loss or theft.**

Phones and devices that are brought to school are to be:

- turned off while in the school
- kept out of plain sight while in the school
- may not be used at any time where individual privacy must be protected such as toilets or change rooms
- may not be used at any time to photograph or video record other students/adults without their permission

Consequences for the inappropriate use of phones and devices such as disrespect for privacy, harassment or illegal activity by students shall be in accordance with the school Behaviour Policy and may include:

1) **Initial offence:** verbal warning and parent/guardian notification.

2) **Subsequent offences:** confiscation of phone and office withdrawal.

Arrangements will be made with the parent for the phone/digital device to be collected.

3) **Repeat offences:** may be considered as disruptive and defiant behaviour and may result in student suspension.

