



Mobile Phone and Wearable Devices Policy

'Away for the Day'

Throughout Education Queensland schools, there are guidelines for the use of mobile phones at school. At Buddina State School we have used these guidelines as the basis of this policy and have taken into consideration the age of children at Primary School.

MOBILE PHONE AND WEARABLE DEVICES POLICY

Our stance on the possession of mobile phones and wearable devices at school is underpinned by the following considerations:

- Mobile phones and wearable devices are very expensive and highly attractive devices and therefore at risk of being stolen, damaged or used inappropriately at school.
- Use of mobile phones and wearable devices by children can be disruptive to teaching, learning and school activities in and out of the classroom.
- Mobile phones and wearable devices use cellular data, meaning that students can access the internet without being monitored and safeguarded through the filtered school network.

As a result, mobile phones and wearable devices are not allowed in classrooms or the playground.

However, our school accepts that student access to, and use of, mobile phones and wearable devices is increasing and that on occasions mobiles may need to be brought to school. Therefore, outlined below is our expectations and procedures for mobile phones and wearable devices on the school grounds.

PROCEDURES

The following procedures must be followed when bringing a mobile phone or wearable devices to school:

- If families need their child to bring a mobile phone to school it must be turned off and signed into the school office at the beginning of the day, prior to the first bell
- Phones will be stored safely at the office in the Administration Building, for the duration of the school day
- Students can collect their phone as they leave school to return home
- Wearable devices, such as smart watches, **MUST BE SWITCHED OFF** (or school/classroom mode) so that phone calls, messages and other notification cannot be sent or received during school hours.
- This procedure also applies to student attendance at school activities, such as representative school sport, eisteddfods, excursions and camps.

It is understood that parents may have a genuine need to make urgent contact with their children. For this reason, the office phone is attended during school hours. Phone messages for students will always be relayed to the relevant student and/or teacher.

In the event that students have a mobile phone or active smart watch in their possession during class time or in the playground, they will be referred to the leadership team who will place the device in storage for the remainder of the day.

Normal school disciplinary consequences apply to breaches of these guidelines.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL SHOULD LOSS, DAMAGE OR THEFT OF MOBILE PHONES AND WEARABLE DEVICES OCCUR.