

## **Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy**

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones or smart watches in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purposes.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Yokine Primary School for students to have a mobile phone or smart watch at school. The school has duty of care for all students attending the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Yokine 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 or smart watches. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones and smart watches are permitted at Yokine Primary School.

### **Conditions of Use:**

- Mobile phones must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day. Students will need to sign in and out their mobile phones at the administration office. Yokine Primary School will securely store student mobile phones during the school day.
- Smart Watches must be put in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be received during the school day.

### **Exemptions and Communication:**

- Exemptions to this include where a student requires a mobile phone:
  - To monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan

### **Inappropriate Use**

Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone or smart watch confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and required to collect the device at their earliest convenience.

At the discretion of the Principal, breaches may result in further disciplinary action, in accordance with Yokine Primary School Student Behaviour and Engagement Policy and in line with the current DoE policy, as amended from time to time.

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