



Communication Devices at School Policy

For the purposes of this policy, 'communication devices' means mobile phones, smart watches and devices, and any associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear pods.

Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of communication devices in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Mount Claremont Primary School for students to have a communication device at school. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have communication devices in their possession during the school day.

Teaching staff may determine an item to be a communication device at their sole discretion.

Mount Claremont Primary School recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with communication devices. This policy details the conditions under which communication devices are permitted at Mount Claremont Primary School

Conditions of Use

- The use of communication devices for all students will be prohibited from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have communication devices in their possession during the school day.
- Communication devices must be switched off before the commencement of the school day.
- Students will store their communication device in their school bag, until the end of the school day.

Exemptions and Communication

Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a communication device or smart watch: to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.

- While at Mount Claremont Primary School students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their communication device confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the communication device at their earliest convenience.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate communication device use by a student, the principal may request the withdrawing of the communication device from the student for a determined period. This may result in a loss of good standing.