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STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICY

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for a medical purpose.

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

CONDITIONS OF USE

- Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Students are to put their smart watches in 'aeroplane mode' so calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Mobile phones must be brought to the office at the beginning of the day for safe storage. This is the student's responsibility.
- Mobile phones and devices are to be collected at the end of the school day.
- All communication between parents and students during school hours should occur via the school's administration.
- Any mobile phone/electronic device that is stolen from a child's bag and has not been handed to the office, is not the responsibility of Marangaroo Primary School.

BREACHES OF THE POLICY

- Positive Behaviour Support Guidelines will be implemented for non-compliance with this policy. Student phones may require collecting by a parent/carer and a student may lose their good standing. Good standing forms part of the Marangaroo Primary School Positive Student Behaviour Guidelines.
- Continual breaches of the policy may result in a directive from the Principal that the device is not to be brought to school for a set period or permanently.

PARENT PERMISSION FOR DEVICE

- Parents/carers are to complete the attached form, informing the school that their child will have a device while at school. Failure to do so will result in the confiscation of the device and parent/carers notified.

STAFF AND DEVICE USE

During teaching/instruction time, while on playground duty and during meeting times, mobile phones are not to be used and are to be placed on silent/do not disturb. The only exceptions to this are in exceptional or urgent situations, and these are to be discussed with Administration.