



Mobile and Smart Devices Policy

Policy Statement

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 purpose. Rosalie Primary School adheres to this policy and will manage any breaches in accordance with our Student Behaviour Policy.

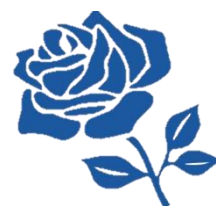
The Importance of Time

Learning to tell the time and an awareness of daily timetables and schedules are important skills that we explicitly teach and reinforce through the primary school years. Rosalie Primary School supports and encourages the wearing of traditional analogue watches for this purpose.

Rationale

To empower our students to engage and learn with confidence and develop their independence. For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile devices' refer to mobile phones, smart watches, headphones and ear buds. The school discourages students from bringing mobile devices to school, as these devices cause disruption in classrooms and the playground and can be used inappropriately to access social media and take photos without permission. This can cause distress and breach the privacy of others.

Parents can contact their children by ringing the school phone number 9366 9700. If necessary, students can contact parents from the office phone. The rules for student use of mobile devices in the school are listed below.



Guidelines

- ✓ Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. Rosalie Primary School maintains a ban on the use of mobile devices for all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day (“off and away all day”) unless the student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile devices:
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
 - for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
 - with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- ✓ Devices are not to be used in the classroom, playground or incursion/excursion for any of the following purposes: check text messages, access games, the internet, images, the camera or videos.
- ✓ Smart watches must be set to ‘Schooltime’ or ‘Airplane Mode’ during school hours with communication and notification alerts, and location switched off.
- ✓ Devices are not to be used to call or message home for any reason. This is the duty of the school and the administrator/teacher in charge.
- ✓ Mobile phones are to be kept in the student’s bag at all times including before school, recess and lunchtime, and must be switched off or on silent. The front office can also securely store the phone during school hours.
- ✓ Devices that are brought to and kept at school are used entirely at their owner’s risk. Rosalie Primary School cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage of these devices. Students and parents should also recognise that mobile devices are a highly prized target for theft.
- ✓ Devices are not to be used to harass, bully or intimidate students or staff. Breaches will be dealt with as per the school’s Behaviour Policy.

Any use of mobile phones and smart watches by a student, that is in breach of these rules, will lead to the immediate confiscation of the device. In this instance, parents will be notified, and confiscated devices will need to be collected from the Administration office by the student’s parent or guardian at the end of the day.

The principal reserves the right to grant exemptions to this policy in exceptional circumstances.