



**Henley
Brook**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Policy

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Purpose

This policy is to inform the Henley Brook parent/carer community of the management of mobile phones at our school. In this policy, the term 'mobile phones' refers to smart watches and other electronic communication devices and associated listening accessories. This policy also encompasses any tablets and iPads.

This policy has been in accordance with the Department of Education's "Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy".

Student use of Mobile Phones

At all WA public schools, the Department of Education does not permit students to use mobile phones from the time they enter school grounds to the conclusion of the school day (off and away all day). As such, children are discouraged from bringing mobile phones and other devices to school.

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose. In this instance, the student or teacher will be granted a written exemption from the Principal for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

As a school, we accept some parents/carers are concerned about safety to and from school and provide mobile phones for their children. If parents/carers do decide to provide a mobile phone for their children to use on the way to or from school, then the following expectations must be adhered to:

- All phones/devices are to be switched off and placed in the student's bag before entering school grounds.
- School staff will not be responsible for collecting or storing mobile phones and devices during the school day.
- The school has no liability should your child's mobile phone or device be lost, damaged or stolen; and
- All phones should have names printed clearly on them.

All communication between parents/carers and students during school hours, should occur via the school office.

Students are permitted to wear smart watches, however these must be placed in 'aeroplane mode' so that phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day, this is inclusive of break times where students are not to check for any messages.

Students who do not follow these whole school expectations, will have their behaviour managed in accordance with the Henley Brook Student Behaviour Policy.

- In immediate response to a child who has their mobile phone or device switched on or visible at school, the student will hand over their device to a staff member and it will then be stored in the office to be collected by a parent/carer.
- Any further consequences will be aligned to the Henley Brook Student Behaviour Policy and the child's parent/carer will be contacted.