



Pingelly PS Policy – Student Mobile Phones in Schools Policy

Rationale

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

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Pingelly Primary School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Pingelly 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. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Pingelly Primary School.

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

Policy

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. Pingelly Primary School will securely store student mobile phones during the school day.

Exemptions and communication

- Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a mobile phone:
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
 - under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Whilst at Pingelly PS, 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 Pingelly Primary School Student Behaviour Policy.

Associated Policies and Procedures

- DoE Enrolment Policy and Procedures
- Pingelly PS Student Behaviour Policy



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This policy was endorsed by the Pingelly PS School Council – Term 3 2020

School Council Chair

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This policy is scheduled for review – Term 3 2022