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Durack School Student Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy

Policy

Student mobile phones and smart watches are not permitted to be used in Northern Territory Government schools. Exemptions apply for teacher directed educational purposes or for medical reasons.

Durack School respects the right of parents who wish to provide their child with a mobile phone or smart watch. This policy details the conditions under which student mobile phones are permitted at Durack School.

This policy applies to mobile phones, smart watches and all other devices that allow electronically based distractions.

Conditions of use

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones or smart watches in their possession during the school day.

Mobile phones and smart watches owned by students at Durack School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the student or parent's risk.

Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school. Please note that Durack School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft of personal items. Students and their parents are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for their personal items.

Mobile phones and smart watches must be switched off and handed to the classroom teacher before the commencement of the school day and put into message bags. Students can collect their mobile phone or smart watch at the end of the school day from the message bag,

Exemptions

It is acknowledged that mobile devices and apps for some students are critical for monitoring their health condition.

As such, students may be granted an exemption to use their mobile phone or smart watch during the school day:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.

However, these students must still use them appropriately and comply with respectful use

Communication

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, is to occur via the school office. Durack School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. In emergencies, where students need to get in contact with parents, students are to notify the appropriate school staff. If parents need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly.

Non-compliance of this policy

Students who use their mobile phones or smart watches inappropriately at Durack School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's Student Wellbeing Framework.

At Durack School inappropriate use of mobile phones or smart watches in any use during school hours unless an exception has been granted breaches this policy and will be managed in accordance with the school's Student Wellbeing Framework.

Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the office. Parents will be called to collect the students' mobile phone.

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