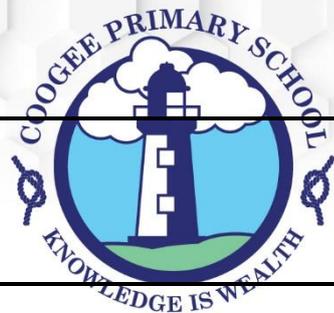


COOGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY



Policy

Further Guidance

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

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

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

Coogee 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 Coogee Primary School.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones and smart watches for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Mobile phones and smart watches must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day. Coogee 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.

- While at Coogee Primary School, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Coogee Primary 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/carers, students are to notify the appropriate school staff. If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed at the discretion of the Administration staff.