

# MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please the school office on (03) 5626 1303

## PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department’s and Lardner and District Primary School’s policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other personal mobile devices such as smartwatches, etc. during school hours.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Lardner and District Primary School and,
2. Student’s personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices such as smartwatches brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

## DEFINITIONS

**A mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. “For the purpose of this policy, “mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.”

## POLICY

Lardner and District Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or using the device to monitor a medical condition such as diabetes.

At Lardner and District Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and brought to the main office each morning.
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school’s office.

## Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department’s [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Lardner and District Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.



## Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Lardner and District Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Lardner and District Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Department's Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy.

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Lardner and District Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Lardner and District Primary School students are required to hand their phone into the school administration office.

## Enforcement

At Lardner and District Primary School inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
- during assessments

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024
Consultation	School Community via Newsletter Friday Week 6 Term 3 2024
Approved by	Principal
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