



## Mobile Phone and Wearable Devices Policy

Throughout Education Queensland schools, there are guidelines for the use of mobile phone and wearable devices at school. At Spring Mountain State School, we have used these guidelines as the basis of this policy and have taken into consideration the age of children at Primary School.

### MOBILE PHONE AND WEARABLE DEVICE POLICY

**Our stance on the possession of mobile phone and wearable devices at school is underpinned by the following considerations:**

- Mobile phones and wearable devices are very expensive and highly attractive devices and therefore, at risk of being stolen or used inappropriately at school.
- Use of mobile phones and wearable devices by children can be disruptive to teaching, learning and school activities in and out of the classroom.
- Mobile phones and wearable devices use cellular data meaning that students can access the web without being monitored through the school filter network.

**As a result, mobile phones and wearable devices are not allowed in classrooms or the playground.**

However, our school accepts that student access to, and use of, mobile phone and wearable devices is increasing and that, on occasions they may need to be brought to school. Therefore, outlined below is our expectations and procedures for mobile phones and wearable devices on the school grounds.

### Procedures

The following procedures **must** be followed when bringing a mobile phone and wearable device to school:

- 1) If families need their child to bring a mobile phone or wearable device to school it must be signed into the school office at the beginning of the day, prior to the first bell.
- 2) Phones and wearable devices will be stored safely, at the office in the Administration Building, for the duration of the school day.
- 3) Students can collect their phone/wearable device before they leave school, to return home.

- ❖ It is understood that parents may have a genuine need to make urgent contact with their children. For this reason the main reception phone is attended during school hours. Phone messages for students will always be relayed to the relevant student. Furthermore, office staff will contact parents when children are sick or injured or other urgent situations arise.
- ❖ In the event that students have a mobile phone and or wearable device in their possession, during class time or in the playground, they will be referred to the administration team who will place the phone in security for the remainder of the day.

**Normal school disciplinary consequences apply to breaches of these guidelines.**

**NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL SHOULD LOSS, DAMAGE OR THEFT OF MOBILE PHONES OR WEARABLE DEVICES OCCUR WHEN THIS POLICY IS NOT ADHERED TO.**

### Additional Details

- This policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.