



AMAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mobile Phone and Smart Device Use Policy

OFF AND AWAY ALL DAY

POLICY STATEMENT

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

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Amaroo Primary School for students to have a mobile phone or smart device at school. The 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 and smart devices are permitted at Amaroo.

AT AMAROO, OUR POLICY RULES ARE:

- Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, this includes in their school bags or classroom. The school day begins from the time that they enter school grounds until the time that they leave.
- Any student with a smart watch must place it in 'aeroplane' or 'school' mode so that phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received throughout the school day.
- Students who bring phones to school will be asked to hand them to an adult in the front office who will place it in the secure storage area of the office building. Students will need to ensure that the phone is identifiable as theirs by labelling it with their name or other form of identification. Students are responsible for collecting their phones at the end of the day.

EXEMPTIONS AND COMMUNICATION

- Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a mobile phone or smart device:
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
 - under the direction instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with the permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- While at Amaroo 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. If students need to get in contact with their parents, they can notify appropriate school staff. If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly on 9735 9400.
- Where a student has been granted an exemption, the mobile phone can be used by the student, however its use must be monitored by school staff and stored in the administration office when not in use.

BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will be asked to take their mobile phone or smart device to the administration office, in compliance with the policy rule requiring phones to be stored in the front office.
- Parents will be contacted to let them know that the phone or device has been stored in the front office and asked to refrain from sending it again, or, if necessary, reminding their child to bring it to the front office.
- Repeated breaching of this policy may result in a student losing their privileges at school as per the Student Behaviour Policy.