



Eastern Goldfields Education Support Centre STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

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Education Support Centre

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose. It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Eastern Goldfields ESC for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Eastern Goldfields ESC 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 Eastern Goldfields ESC.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones 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 (off and away all day).
- Students who bring their mobile phone to school are required to switch off, and hand their phone to reception. The student owner of the phone will be recorded and the phones securely stored until collected from reception by the student at the conclusion of 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; or
 - under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Smart watches must be in 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Eastern Goldfields ESC, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

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 have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone at their earliest convenience.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the principal may direct the withdrawing of the student's mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.

Students Name _____

Students Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

