



### Mobile Phones in School Policy

**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 Landsdale Gardens Primary School for students to have a mobile device at school. LGPS recognises that some parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile device. This policy details the conditions under which mobile devices are permitted at Landsdale Gardens PS.

#### Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile devices 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 devices in their possession during the school day.
- Mobile devices must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school day begins and collected at the end of the school day. Students will need to sign in and out their mobile device at the administration office. Landsdale Gardens PS will securely store student mobile devices during the school day.

#### Exemptions and Communication

Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a mobile device:

- 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 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Landsdale Gardens PS, 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 the policy will have their mobile device confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile device at their earliest convenience.

#### PERMISSION

- Yes, I agree that my child will switch off their mobile device and take it to the administration office before the school day begins and collect it at the end of the day.
- No, my child requires a mobile device to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**