

Use of mobile phones and other devices by students

Guidance document

This local school policy must provide clear expectations for parents and students about what devices are allowed at school, how they are to be used and the possible consequences for failing to meet the stated expectations.

It is recommended that clear guidance be provided on the school's position regarding:

- mobile phones
- tablet, slate or laptop computers
- wearable technology or sensing devices

Some examples of different requirements state schools, in consultation with their community, might consider in applying to the access and use of mobile phones include:

- phones to be turned on to silent mode and out of sight or switched off in the classroom (unless given explicit permission to use them);
- phones to be placed in a safe place in the room when students arrive for class;
- phones to be handed in/picked up from a particular location before and after school;
- students to use mobile phone lockers to store phones during the day;
- students to only use their mobile phones before and after school or at break times;
- students not to bring mobile phones to school.

Schools should also include reference to the [Advice for state schools on acceptable use of ICT facilities and devices](#), and may wish to include student and parent ICT agreements as part of the Student Code of Conduct. It is also recommended that the guidance developed in this section of the Student Code of Conduct is based on the [Use of IT systems](#) procedure.

It is also recommended that school communities give consideration to technology-free spaces and times, and that this information is explained in the Student Code of Conduct.