



# Mobile Telephone and Electronic Device Policy

## 1. RATIONALE

Caversham Valley PS recognises that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are becoming common everyday devices. Many students now bring mobile phones and electronic devices with them to school. Both the Department of Education and Caversham Valley PS have policies to cover the bringing and use of these devices at school.

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

**Principals must** implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day (“off and away all day”) unless the student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.
- for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher.

### **When at school:**

- students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession.
- students are required to put their smart watches in ‘aeroplane mode’ so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received.
- students from Kindergarten to Year 6 must place items in appropriate storage for mobile phones and electronic devices (students bags are not appropriate).
- breaches of this policy are to be managed in accordance with the *Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures*.

### **Caversham Valley PS Policy on Mobile Phone and Smart Wearable Electronic Devices:**

- When a child enters the school grounds they must immediately turn-off their mobile phones and place any wearable devices in ‘aeroplane’ mode.
- Any mobile phone is to be handed to the classroom teacher upon entry to the classroom for storage. Phones can be collected at the end of the school day. **It is the child’s responsibility to collect the mobile phone.**
- Staff **are not** responsible for the condition or safety of any mobile devices.
- Leaving mobile phones in school bags is not considered to be appropriate storage.

- Any mobile phone that is found to not have been given to a classroom teacher will be removed and secured in the administration office until the end of the day and a parent will be contacted.
- All communication between parents and children during school hours must occur via the school's front office.

**Electronic devices – MP3 players, MP4 players, electronic games, cameras, hand-held games or computers etc:**

- Any electronic devices of the above nature are not to be brought to school, unless agreed to by a staff member for a pre-arranged reason.
- If a child brings such a device to school, it will be removed and handed to the administration office and secured until a parent can be contacted.
- CVPS takes no responsibility for these devices.

