

# Glen Huon Primary School



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## **GHPS POLICY: MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

### **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 Glen Huon Primary School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Glen Huon Primary 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 are permitted at Glen Huon Primary School.

### **CONDITIONS OF USE**

Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the classroom teacher before the commencement of the school day. Students can collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day. The classroom teacher will clearly identify and secure the students mobile phone.

### **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 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Glen Huon Primary School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. In emergencies, where students need to get in contact with parents/carers, students are to notify the appropriate school staff. If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly.

### **BREACHES OF THIS POLICY**

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the Glen Huon Primary School Student Behaviour Policy.