



Clarkson Primary School Mobile and Smart Device Policy

Clarkson Primary School recognises that mobile phones (including but not limited to phones, iPad/tablets and Smart watches) are part of daily life for many students, whether this is to ensure students arrive safely to school in the morning, communicate with friends outside of school or it's use as a medical device.

Whilst mobile phones provide a number of benefits, Clarkson Primary School has developed this policy to help reduce the impact that mobile phones have upon the learning program and ensure safety whilst at school.

In line with the Department of Education's '**Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy**', students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. This is effective from the moment students enter the school gates until they leave at the end of the day. At Clarkson Primary School, we recognise that some students have a valid need to bring a mobile phone to school such as to ensure safety when travelling to and from school, or for medical reasons.

In order to manage the use and possession of mobile phones at **Clarkson Primary School** we:

- Collect and store phones in the Front Office,
- Provide a cyber-awareness program for upper primary students,
- Communicate issues with families,
- Respond to issues involving mobile phones in line with our Behaviour Management Policy.

By bringing a phone to school, you and your child both acknowledge and agree to the below acceptable use agreement. We ask that you discuss this agreement with your child and contact the school should you have any questions. Paper copies of this policy can be obtained from the front office.

Breaches to this agreement will be managed in line with Clarkson Primary School's 'Behaviour Management Policy'. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Parent notified of breach,
- Loss of recess / lunch,
- Parent required to collect phone from school,
- Loss of privilege to bring phone to school,
- Loss of ability to participate in school events,
- Repeated or serious breaches may result in further consequences such as loss of 'Good Standing'* and will be communicated to parents.

Parents may also be contacted if the school is made aware of issues relating to mobile phones and/or social media outside of school hours.

If a student requires use of their phone for medical purposes, permission must first be sought from the Principal and an agreement reached on how this device may be used. Medical devices must not be used for communication purposes during the day. Use of these devices for such purposes may result in sanctions in line with the behaviour management policy.

Please note, whilst Clarkson Primary School collects and stores mobile phones, we accept no responsibility for damage or loss to property; all risk remains the responsibility of the device's owner.

**For more information on 'Good Standing', please see our Good Standing Policy.*

Clarkson Primary School – Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Agreement

When I bring a mobile phone to school, I have responsibilities and rules to follow. I agree to:

- Sign my phone in and out of the Front Office during school hours.
- Not use my phone once I enter the school gates, and until I leave the school gates at the end of the day.
- Keep myself and my friends safe by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images and protecting my passwords.
- Be respectful in how I talk to and work with others online and never write or participate in online bullying
- remember that pictures should not be posted online without permission from everyone involved
- Talk to my teacher or another adult if:
 - someone writes something I don't like or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable or asks me to provide information that I know is private, or
 - I feel that the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened by online activities (e.g. Social Media).

I understand that by bringing a mobile phone to school, I agree to follow these rules. If I do not follow this agreement, I understand that there may be consequences, such as loss of good standing.

