



Mobile Phone Policy

At Mt Gambier North R – 7 School we recognise that information and communication technologies can enhance student learning when used as part of a structured educational experience under the guidance of teachers.

Whilst we discourage students from bringing a mobile phone, if parents/caregivers believe it is necessary for their child to bring their mobile phone to school, **they must be switched off at all times while on school grounds**. Students will need to hand their mobile phone to the Front Office before 8:45am and collect it after 3:15pm. Students will not be able to access messages during school hours. Phones will be stored in a safe place throughout the day and then placed in a container in the Front Office area for students to collect after 3:15pm.

We understand that at times parents/guardians may need to communicate with their child during the school day. If this is the case, you can contact the front office (8725 2824) and messages will be delivered to your child from our administration team.

Any use of a mobile phone once they are on school grounds is a breach of the student behaviour code. Staff will confiscate these devices if seen during the school day. They will then need to be redeemed from the Front Office at the end of the day (a note will be sent home to make parents/caregivers aware of the incident). If a mobile phone is confiscated on a second occasion, parents will be asked to come to the school to collect the phone and discuss the need for their child to have a phone at school.

We also have the same expectations for **smart watches**. If your child intends having this technology, please contact the school around how this can be best managed. Please note, if your child is using this technology during school time in an unacceptable manner (making/receiving calls, accessing social media or the internet) then the device will be kept in the Front Office.

Neither the school nor Department for Education will accept responsibility for the damage or loss of a mobile phone, portable digital devices or any other ICT equipment.

Respectful and appropriate use of all ICTs is expected of every student to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and to minimise disruptions to our school. Inappropriate use will be dealt with in accordance with our behaviour policy and ICT policy; including contact with the police if needed.



PERMISSION TO HAVE A MOBILE PHONE AT SCHOOL

STUDENT'S NAME: YEAR LEVEL / CLASS: DATE:

STUDENT'S MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

MAKE/ MODEL/ COLOUR OF MOBILE PHONE:

I agree to my child having a mobile phone at school

- We will abide by the school expectations stated above regarding the use of the mobile phone
- We are clear that the mobile phone cannot be accessed or used at any time at school and that staff will confiscate the mobile phone if students choose to breach this
- We understand the school is not responsible for the safe keeping of the mobile phone and will not be held responsible for loss or damage

PARENT / CAREGIVER'S SIGNATURE:

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: