Highgate Primary School

Student Mobile Phone Policy

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

Policy
Students are not permitted to use mobile phones from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school 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
- With permission of a teacher for a specified purpose

The following rules apply for students:

- Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Parents are required to ensure that wearable technologies are configured so that phone calls, messages and notifications cannot be sent or received during the school day. Where available, this may be achieved through aeroplane mode, school mode, or equivalent parental controls.
- Students must not use wearable technologies or other personal devices to take photographs or videos during the school day.

Procedures
All students have access to their parents in an emergency during the school day through the school administration office. Similarly, all parents have access to their child in an emergency through the school administration office.

Students bringing electronic devices to school must hand them to their teacher at the beginning of the school day. They will be returned at the end of the day.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage.

Students misusing any electronic device will be dealt with through the school Behaviour Management policy.