



MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES

Updates to student code of conduct in relation to Mobile Phones and devices as per revised school policy for smart watches and phones, to reflect updated policy requirements by the Qld Government (Feb, 2024).

Digital literacy refers to the skills needed to live, learn and work in a society where communication and access to information is dominated by digital technologies like mobile phones. However, the benefits brought about through these diverse technologies can be easily overshadowed by deliberate misuse which harms others or disrupts learning.

The computer network at Jimboomba State School has been set up in order to allow computer, iPad and Internet access for educational purposes. This includes classroom activities, research activities, teacher and peer review of assigned work, and the exchange of project-related ideas, opinions, and questions via email, intranet and other means.

This policy reflects the importance the school places on students having the opportunity of utilising technological devices whilst displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using such technology.

Certain personal technology devices are banned from school

Students should not bring valuable personal technology devices like cameras, digital video cameras or MP3 players, tablets/iPads, portable gaming devices and smart watches to school as there is a risk of damage or theft. Such devices brought to school will be confiscated by staff and may be collected at the end of the day from the school office. Breaches of this prohibition may result in disciplinary action. Exceptions may occur (for example, to assist with a medical condition or other disability or for a special project) and must be pre-approved by the principal. A request to the principal can be made through the office. Generally, this will be followed up with a meeting or conversation in relation to the need for the device to be switched on and available for the student.

Mobile Devices - For the purpose of this procedure, mobile devices include **mobile phones**, wearables such as smartwatches, handheld devices and other emerging technologies which have the ability to connect to telecommunication networks or the internet.

Students who bring mobile phones to school must hand the device (turned off) in to the School Office each morning upon their arrival to school. Devices will be securely stored for the day ie. Devices will be switched off and away for the day. Students collect their devices at the end of the day or when collected early by a parent/carer.

It is expected that all state school students must keep mobile phones switched off and 'away for the day' during school hours. Wearable devices, such as smartwatches, must have notifications switched off so that phone calls, messages and other notifications cannot be sent or received during school hours. Students and their parents may apply for an exemption from this requirement based on criteria consistent with that provided by a medical practitioner.

Students with pre-existing school approval to use a mobile device on an ongoing basis to support certain medical, disability and/or wellbeing needs will not need to reapply under this procedure. Students are required to:


- keep mobile phones switched off and away for the day, and notifications disabled on wearable devices during school hours

- if required, apply for exemptions for medical, disability or wellbeing reasons in accordance with the school's policy approach as outlined above and in the Student Code of Conduct.
- if permitted to use a mobile device at school under an approved exemption, only use it for the intended and agreed purpose

NOTE: Students bringing a smart device to school are required to complete an "Application for Student Use of a Smart Device/Mobile Phone" (available from main office) which is be signed off by a parent or carer and handed in to the main office (Attached).

Donna-Maree Cech 
A/Principal _____

DATE: 12/31/2024

Endorsed By Tammy Stewart 
P&C PRESIDENT _____

DATE: 12/31/2024.

Application for Student Use of a Smart Device/Mobile Phone



Student's Name _____ Year _____ Class _____

Parent / Carer's Name _____

Contact Phone No _____

Student's Mobile Phone Number _____

As a parent, I have provided my child with a Smart Device in cases of emergency, for messages regarding home time, for security and would now like to request permission for my child to present it to the school office upon arrival. He/she will hand their Smart Device/Mobile Phone directly to the office – switched off.

We agree to the conditions set down under the "Conditions of Use" and understand that violation of the policy and "Conditions of Use" may result in a loss of privilege to carry a Smart Device/Mobile Phone at the school.

Parent / Carer Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____ Approved _____ (Principal)

Office Use		
Parent informed on:	/	/
By:	email <input type="checkbox"/>	phone <input type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/>

Breach of Jimboomba State School mobile phone contract card:



Smart Device/Mobile Contract Monitoring Card

Name: _____

Class: _____

Attention Teacher / Admin:

Please monitor student's handing in of phone each morning in a timely manner. Initial the applicable box above to show that he/she has followed our Mobile phone contract.

Weeks 1

Monday				Tuesday				Wednesday				Thursday				Friday			
AM				AM				AM				AM				AM			
PM				PM				PM				PM				PM			

Weeks 2

Monday				Tuesday				Wednesday				Thursday				Friday			
AM				AM				AM				AM				AM			
PM				PM				PM				PM				PM			



Jimboomba State School Mobile Phone Contract

There are 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 Jimboomba State School.

- Students will only be permitted to bring a mobile phone on to school premises for safety, security or emergency purposes.
- Parents / Carers who require their child to carry a mobile phone on school premises are required to complete an "Application for Students Use of Mobile Phone".
- Parents / Carers and students agree to abide by the "Conditions of Use" set down in this policy.

Conditions of Use

Parents / Carers and students are required to complete an "Application for Student Use of a Mobile Phone".

Requests will only be approved if required for safety, security or emergency purposes.

While at school, students are the responsibility of the school and all instances that require emergency contact with parents **MUST** be through the appropriate staff member or a member of administration. All emergency contact is via the Front Office.

Student Expectations:

1. I understand that having a mobile phone is a privilege of which I will not take advantage.
2. Upon arrival I will take my phone to the office.
3. I may use mobile phones after school if I need to clarify picking up / sporting arrangements.
4. I will not use mobile phones in class.
5. I will not send inappropriate, hurtful or threatening text messages.
6. I will not take, send or post any pictures or videos of anyone without my parents' and the person's permission.
7. I understand that I am responsible for the safe keeping of my mobile phone prior to dropping it at the office and when I collect at 3pm.
8. Failure to give my phone to school staff is a *breach* of this agreement and may result in an appropriate consequence.
9. Whilst waiting for my bus, I must ask permission to answer or contact parent/ carer.

Parent Expectations:

1. I will reinforce the school's mobile phone policy with my child.
 2. I will encourage my child to speak to school staff about school issues and concerns. Alternatively, I can communicate with relevant staff.
 3. I will monitor my child's use of his/her mobile phone.
 4. I will ensure my child understands the dangers of texting people, posting pictures and/or videos and posting to social media.
 5. I understand and agree that the school is not responsible for the theft, loss or damage to my child's mobile phone.
- Please note: We appreciate many families have purchased mobile phones for their children to communicate with them. This is not appropriate during school hours, and if parents/ carers or children need to reach one another, the school office can be used.

if a student is caught using a mobile phone before school, during class time or is using it inappropriately during bus duty the following consequences will apply:

First Offence: Student immediately directed to hand their mobile phone in at the office. The student may retrieve their phone at the end of the school day. A lunch time reflection will be issued. The student will be placed on a monitoring card for two weeks to ensure that phone is taken to the office each day.

Second Offence: Student immediately directed to hand their mobile phone in at the office. A parent / carer may retrieve the phone at the end of the school day. The student will be placed on a monitoring card for the remainder of the term to ensure that the phone is stored at the office for the remainder of the term. Reflection time will be applied. Parents / Carers will be contacted.

Third Offence: Student immediately directed to hand their mobile phone in at the office. Mobile phone will not be permitted at school for the **remainder of the term**. Parents / Carers will be contacted.

I understand and accept the school's policy on mobile phones. I agree that if I violate any part of the expectations within this contract, I will lose my privilege to have a phone at school.

Bill Carey
Principal