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Kalgoorlie School of the Air

Mobile Devices Policy



RESPECT



INTEGRITY



COLLABORATION



COMPASSION

Rationale

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all schools have a policy addressing personal mobile technology usage in schools. This policy covers mobile phones, smart watches, headsets and other personal mobile devices, such as tablets, personal gaming systems and music devices. This policy does not cover the usage of the school-provided devices (Notebooks and cameras).

The policy is divided into a student and a staff section.

Student use of personal mobile devices:

- During the average school day, students are working at home and personal mobile usage should be monitored by parents and home tutors.
- Students are discouraged from bringing any mobile technologies to camps or in-school visits. Students who do bring personal technology tools are expected to surrender them to staff to be locked away until they return home for safe keeping.
- During camps and in-school visits, students have access to the school mobile, at staff discretion, for contacting parents. Appropriate use of the school mobile phone is discussed with students at the beginning of camps. Examples: Not using mobile during activities or after lights out.
- Staff do not take any responsibility for mobile technologies that are not surrendered.

Teacher use of personal mobile devices:

- Teacher personal mobile devices should be packed away or on silent while at work, and not answered during air lessons, meetings, teaching sessions or during phone calls to parents or tutors.
- Personal mobile devices should only be used during break times, unless discussed with the principal. Example: Mobile phone usage is appropriate if you need to be in contact with sick children or parents.
- During home visits to students, personal mobile phones should not be used during school hours.
- Drivers of the school vehicle should always obey the road rules and not operate mobile phones whilst driving.
- Teachers have access to the school mobile during camps for school purposes – contacting the principal, parents, excursion providers, etc.