

Student use of Mobile Phones/ Electronic Devices/Game Consoles at school

At **Wudinna Area School** we respect the right of all to learn and teach

1. R-5 students **do not** have permission to use Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices/Game Consoles (eg Nintendo DS, Sony Playstation Portable) at school.

Primary bus students, however, may keep electronic devices and games in their school bags to use **only on the bus**.

2. Year 6/7 students **do not** have permission to use Mobile Phones/Game Consoles (eg Nintendo DS, Sony Playstation Portable) at school. Year 6/7 students may, however, use iPods /Mp3 players at school to listen to music in lesson time only at the teacher's discretion.
3. Secondary students **may use** Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices/Game Consoles (eg Nintendo DS, Sony Playstation Portable) during recess or lunch breaks.

*However, it is expected that the use of a **mobile phone** be kept to a **minimum and limited definitely to emergency calls or calls/messages of high importance only**.*

*Secondary students may use iPods/Mp3 players at school to listen to music **at the teacher's discretion**.*

4. Students are responsible for the safety and security of their Mobile Phone/Electronic Device/Game Consoles (eg Nintendo DS, Sony Playstation Portable) whilst at school (*referred to from here as 'devices'*). The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged devices either at school or while travelling to and from school. Students lending devices to other students take full responsibility for the use of that phone/electronic device.
5. **All student devices must be switched off during lessons and in change of lesson periods.** Students expecting urgent incoming calls during these times need to have that contact made through the Front Office.
6. **Students failing to follow these simple rules will have their device confiscated for the remainder of the day in the first instance. Repeated failure to follow these rules will result in contact being made with parents/caregiver and the student losing their right to bring their device to school.**
7. **There is no reason for text messages to be sent during any lesson time and this will be treated as inappropriate use of a mobile phone in the same way as in Paragraph 6.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Students sending threatening or abusive text messages will have these matters attended to in line with the school's <i>Bullying and Harassment Policy</i> and this could lead to suspension, or in serious cases become a police matter. |
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