BUTLER PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE / DEVICES

GUIDELINE

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Mobile Phone / Device Guideline

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

The guideline aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.
If your child needs to contact you, they can do so through the school administration. Likewise, if you need to get a message to your child, you can call the school.

Guideline
Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.

Students who bring a phone to school must, upon arrival, hand it in to the classroom teacher for secure storage, where it will remain until collected, as the student leaves the school. Phones will not be released for student use during the day.

Students are required to put their smart watches in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

Mobile phone use, including smartwatches, by students is banned from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day ("off and away all 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; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

Breaches of this Guideline
Breaches of this guideline will be managed in accordance with the School Behaviour Management Guideline and Procedures.