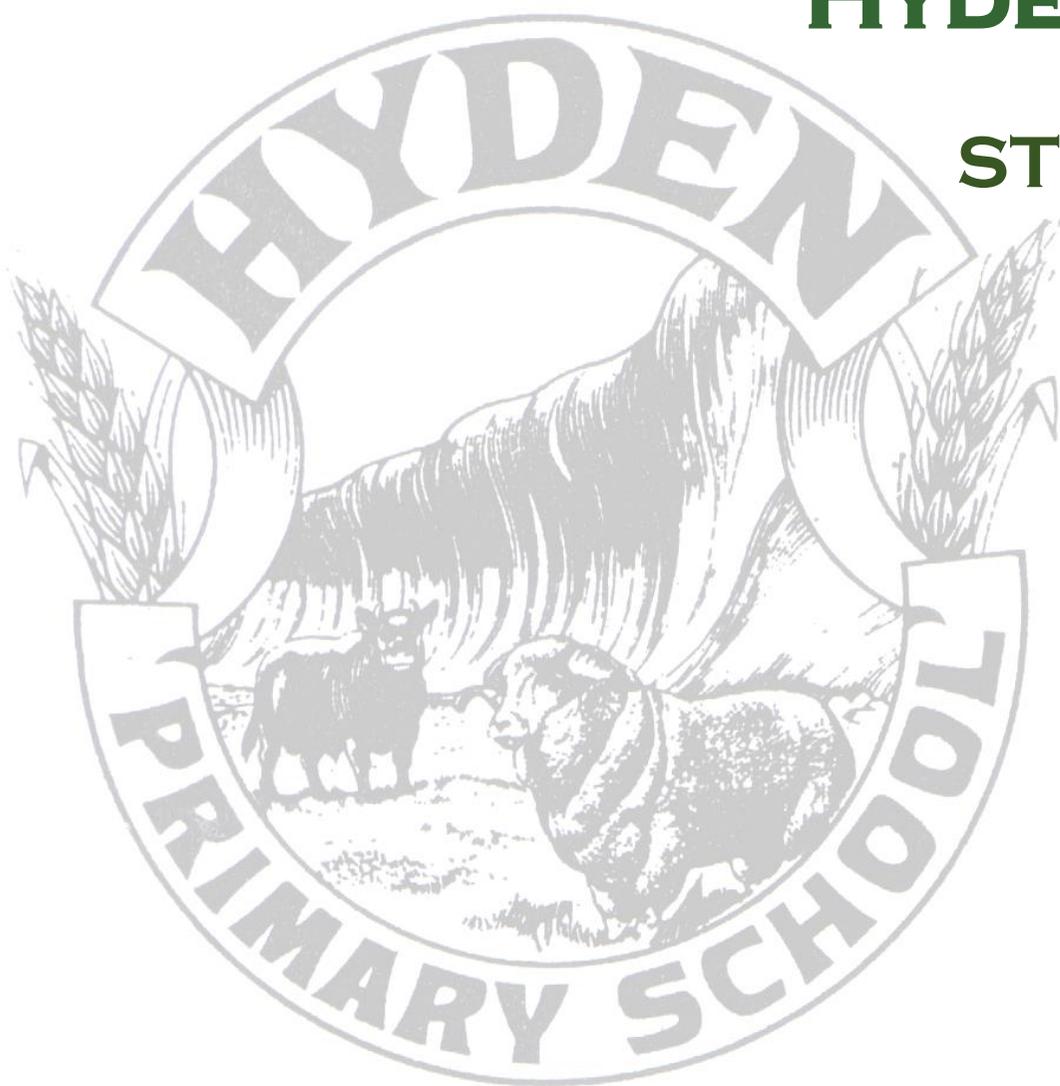


HYDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY



acknowledged by Hyden PS School Board February 2020

endorsed School Principal: _____ A. Mutavdzic and acknowledged by School Board Chairperson: _____ S. Couper

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

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at **Hyden Primary School** for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Hyden Primary School recognises that 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 **Hyden Primary School**.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and stored in student bags.
- The school is in no way responsible for the loss, theft or damage to a mobile phone whilst it is on the school premises.
- Any child who brings a mobile phone to school must have a consent form signed by the parents and returned to the classroom teacher. See Appendix A.

Exemptions and Communication

- Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a mobile phone:
 - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
 - under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at **Hyden Primary School**, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.
- **Hyden Primary School** has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. In emergencies, where students need to get in contact with parents/carers, students are to notify the appropriate school staff. If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures and Online Policy*.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone at their earliest convenience.
- Further disciplinary action, in accordance **Hyden Primary School** student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the principal may request the withdrawing of the mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.

Further Guidance

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.



Mobile Phones at School

APPENDIX A

Parent Consent Form

For the Parent:

I have read the school's *Student Mobile Phones in Schools Policy* and I am aware of the conditions and consequences outlined in them. I expect my child to follow the school's *Student Mobile Phones in Schools Policy* and only use the mobile phone outside of school hours.

I give _____ permission to bring a mobile phone to school.

Year: _____ Room: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

For the Student:

I have read the school's *Student Mobile Phones in Schools Policy* and I understand why it is important for the school to maintain the learning programme for all students. I understand that my parents are allowing me the privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school for personal reasons and that I could lose that privilege if I do not follow the guidelines.

I _____ agree to adhere to the school's *Student Mobile Phones in Schools Policy*.

Student Signature: _____

Please give to classroom teacher and keep the teacher informed of any changes.

Thank you