



Acceptable Use Agreement for Mobile Digital Devices and School Devices

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For Parents and Carers,

Avalon Public School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones/Smart watches to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. It is acknowledged that providing a child with such devices gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child to make any necessary arrangements before or after the school day.

Nevertheless, our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore, the school strongly discourages the bringing of valuable items such as mobile phones or smart watches (mobile digital devices*) to school by students.

During school hours and for emergency reasons, parents and carers are expected to contact their child via the school office.

The school is prepared to allow such devices on the premises but only within the parameters of this policy and all students are required to agree to and follow this Acceptable Use Agreement.

Avalon Public School has established the following Acceptable Use Agreement for mobile phones/Smart Watches or school devices to ensure that they:

- do not disrupt the school's learning environment
- do not threaten the safety and/or privacy of any person
- do not interfere with the operation of the school.

The Acceptable Use Agreement for mobile digital devices also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities. In the case of school camps involving overnight stay, Avalon Public School does not allow students attending to carry mobile phones/Smart watches.

Andy Rankin
Principal

** Mobile digital device: a hand-held electronic device that can receive, store, process and send digital information. This includes mobile phones, iPads, Smart watches etc.*

Responsibility

In general, students should not bring valuable items to school. These items can be easily damaged, lost or stolen. Students bring mobile phones/Smart Watches to school at their own risk.

Avalon Public School takes no responsibility for the security of such devices during school hours and will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile digital devices onto school premises to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document. (This is in line with Legal Issues Bulletin No. 35 March 2013.)

Mobile phones/Smart watches must be turned off and kept in the student's school bag during the school day. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones/Smart watches at all during the day. As is the usual school procedure, if a student needs to make a telephone call during the day, they must ask permission from the class teacher and a school telephone will be used if deemed appropriate.

Students may use their mobile digital device at the conclusion of the school day only to read and create text messages and/or make phone calls to confirm after school arrangements.

Accessing social media, taking photos and recording video whilst on school premises is not permitted.

Mobile phones/Smart watches must not be taken by students on school overnight excursions and camps.

Consequences

Any mobile phone/Smart Watch or school device that is used inappropriately, as outlined in the Avalon Public School Acceptable Use Agreement, will be confiscated and stored securely by the school until arrangements are made for its return.

Students using a mobile digital device inappropriately, as outlined in the Avalon Public School Acceptable Use Agreement, will be disciplined according to the Avalon Public School Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.



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Students section

Student name: _____ Class: _____

I have read and discussed with my parent/carer the Avalon Public School Acceptable Use Agreement for Mobile Digital Devices and School Devices.

I agree to follow all expectations in this Agreement:

- I understand that I bring my mobile phone or smart watch to school at my own risk
- I will turn off my mobile phone and/or smart watch during the school day
- I will store my mobile phone and/or smart watch in my school bag at all times
- I will not use my mobile phone and/or smart watch during the school day, including before school, during break times, at sport or at any other teacher supervised event
- I will not take my mobile phone and/or smart watch on school excursions (during the school day or overnight excursions)

I understand that if I do not follow the expectations in this Agreement, I may lose my use of the internet and my ICT privileges at school.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents and Carers section

I have read and discussed the Avalon Public School Acceptable Use Agreement for Mobile Digital Devices and School Devices with my child and understand what is expected.

I understand and acknowledge that children are responsible for their own mobile devices at school.

If my child takes a mobile phone or smart watch to school, I understand that Avalon Public School accepts no responsibility for the security, loss of or damage to, or for maintenance or repair required for this device.

I understand that failure to follow the Agreement may result in my child forfeiting his/her privilege to use the internet and ICT at Avalon Public School.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this page of the Acceptable Use Agreement for Mobile Digital Devices and School Devices to your class teacher by the end of Week 8, Friday 19 March 2021.