

HS 010 - MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

POLICY CONTEXT

Willunga Waldorf School is a co-educational and gender diverse school. The School's mission is to provide Steiner education from early childhood to year 12, based on the work of Rudolf Steiner. This education is driven by a deep understanding and respect for the developing and unfolding human being.

POLICY

Young people use mobile communication devices for a range of purposes, including communication with parents and/or other family members. The School places a high value on the importance of human interaction. The following policy is in place to manage appropriate phone use.

DEFINITIONS

"Mobile Device" means any portable communication device including but not limited to mobile phones, smart phones, tablets, smart watches and MP3 players.

FOR STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING CLASS 11

If mobile devices are brought to school, they must be left in schoolbags or lockers at all times. Students may be permitted to take devices out of bags at the end of the day, under teacher supervision, in order to check for messages from parents. Occasionally, teachers may approve use of devices for curriculum purposes. For all other reasons, devices seen during the school day will be confiscated by teachers. Mobile devices are not to be used at the bus stop area. Misuse of a smartwatch may result in confiscation.

Students can collect confiscated devices from the Front Office at the end of the day.

Three consecutive breaches in one term will require students to hand their device in to the Front Office every morning and collect it at the end of each day. If a further breach occurs during this period, the confiscated device will be kept until a parent or guardian is contacted and has met with the Head of School, or Head of School delegate, for follow-up and resolution.

FOR STUDENTS IN CLASS 12

Mobile devices may be checked during recess and lunch breaks, in the designated Year 12 locker area only. Occasionally, teachers may approve use of devices for curriculum purposes. At all other times mobile devices are to be stored in bags or lockers. For all other reasons, devices seen during the school day will be confiscated by teachers. Mobile devices are not to be used at the bus stop area. Misuse of a smartwatch may result in confiscation.

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PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Students wishing to contact parents **must** come to the Front Office to text or call.

Parents wishing to contact students are asked to do so via the Front Office.

Teachers are expected to use phones in staff spaces only, not in classrooms or the playground.

Adults are asked to refrain from using mobile devices in the school grounds as far as possible.

MP3 DEVICES

MP3 devices are not be used on the school grounds at any time, unless by negotiation with Learning Support staff as part of an individual Learning Support Plan.

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Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/09/2013 – General Updates – Charlotte Robinson • 22/02/2017 – update to classes 10 (mobile phones can be picked up by student at end of day) • 26/03/2019 – Students in Class 12 only. Contact through front office only • 26/06/2019 – Insert: Three consecutive breaches in one term will require students to hand their phone in to the front office every morning and collect it at the end of each day. If a further breach occurs during this period, the confiscated phone will be kept until a parent or guardian is contacted and meets with the HoS for follow-up and resolution. • 20/02/2023 – General Update – Sophie Binder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changed name from “Mobile Phone” to “Mobile Devices” Policy ○ Insertion of Policy Context ○ Changes: iPhone →mobile phone, iPod→MP3 devices ○ Streamline Class 12 to reflect the same possible classroom practices as other classes ○ Additional statement about misuse of smartwatches • 07/03/2023 – General Update – Antje Guenther: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insertion of Definitions paragraph ○ Updated wording of MP3 devices for clarity