



Personal Devices at School

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fitness trackers.***

1st February 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

At Kalinda Primary School we take our role in Child Safety very seriously when it comes to the presence and use of personal devices such as Mobile Phones and Smart Watches. We also know the high impact they have on children's ability to work, learn and play at school.

For this reason, we strongly discourage students from bringing devices to and from school - whilst also understanding that some families have urgent or medically prescribed reasons to do so.

You can read more about our Mobile Phone Policy via either the link or QR code below.



bit.ly/KPSMobilePhones

By [Victorian Government Policy](#), Mobile phones, smart watches and tablets must be stored securely by the school during a school day and may not be used or accessed by students whilst on school grounds.

If students have need to bring a device to and from school, a written contract must be completed each year - indicating parent consent and student understanding of the guidelines. It must also be stored in the following ways:

Grades Foundation - 4 : signed in and out at the school office every morning and afternoon.

Grades 5 and 6: signed in with the class teacher each morning, stored securely in the teacher's office and signed out at the end of the school day.

Where a student prefers to wear a **smart watch (including fitness trackers with messaging/internet capability)**: this may only occur if you are able to confirm to your class teacher that the watch has internet, phone calls, messaging and camera capabilities disabled during the school day 8.45am-3.45pm.

All Kalinda Students will only be allowed to bring a device to and from school if the contract below has been filled out and returned to the classroom teacher. Students who do not wish to bring a device to school do not need to return this form.



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Parent/Student Contract

Name of Student: _____

2024 Grade: _____

Name of parent: _____

My child has need to bring the following device to store securely at school (please circle):

Mobile Phone

Tablet

Smart Watch

Parent agreement: I/We understand that any device that my child brings to school is my responsibility and that it must be signed in and out in the relevant manner each day. I understand that if my child forgets or a breaks this rule, their device may be kept at the school office until such time that I can collect it.

Signature of parent: _____ Date: _____

Student agreement: I know that I am not allowed to use my device whilst I am on school grounds. I will take care of my device, myself and others by signing it in each morning and collecting it each afternoon. I understand that if I forget or break these rules my device may be kept at the school office until Mum or Dad can collect it.

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____