

# SERPENTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**PHONES AND SMART DEVICES  
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# **SERPENTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL PHONES AND SMART DEVICES POLICY**

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a focused, respectful, and safe learning environment for all students. In line with the Education Department's guidelines, we have established clear rules regarding the use of mobile phones, smart devices, and smartwatches. All communication during school hours should be done via the school office (95263400).

## **Mobile Phones:**

**MUST** be handed into the office every morning upon arrival at school and collected at the end of the school day. Phones are NOT to be kept in students' bags. Students must turn their phone OFF or AEROPLANE mode. Phones will be kept in a secure draw.

## **Consequences for misuse of phones:**

**First Offense:** Detention

**Second Offense:** Two detentions

**Third Offense:** In-school suspension (half day)

## **Smart Watches:**

Smart watches are permitted only if they are in airplane mode for the duration of the school day. If a student uses their smart watch to take photos, communicate during school hours, or uses it inappropriately in class, the following consequences will apply:

## **Consequences for misuse of smart watches:**

**First Offense:** For one week, the student will be required to hand in the watch before and after school and will receive 1 detention.

**Second Offense:** For one term, the student will be required to hand in the watch before and after school and will receive 1 detention.

**Third Offense:** In-school suspension (half day)

## **Social Media Use at School:**

Social media use on any device at school is **treated seriously** due to the potential risks to student privacy and the overall safety of our school community.

Consequences for Social Media Misuse: Consequences for using social media at school will be determined by the leadership team but will **likely result in suspension**.

## **Rationale:**

This policy is in line with the Education Department's guidelines and is designed to reduce distractions, ensure student safety, and maintain an environment conducive to learning. The misuse of technology, including phones and smart watches, can interfere with students' focus and can lead to privacy violations. This policy aims to address these issues in a fair and consistent manner.

**Please note:** detentions impact Good Standing. Please refer to our Good Standing Policy, also available on our website.