

SMART WATCH POLICY – STUDENT USE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the front office on 8376 5200

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Alamanda College policy requirements and expectations relating to students using smart watches during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Alamanda College who wear smart watches on school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A **smart watch** is a mobile device with a [touchscreen](#) display, designed to be worn on the wrist.

POLICY

Alamanda College understands that students may bring a personal smart watch to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Alamanda College:

- Students who choose to bring smart watches to school must have them switched off and silenced during school hours to avoid disruptions to the other students.
- When emergencies occur, students, parents or carers are required to reach their child by calling the school's office on 8376 5200 and not contact their child directly via their device.
- If your child is sent to the sickbay a nurse will contact, you and inform you of the incident and make the necessary arrangements. (Under no circumstance is your child to contact you on their smart watch device and arrange to be picked up without classroom teacher knowledge)
- If your child needs to contact, you throughout the school day (between the hours of 8:35 and 2:50) they are required to inform their classroom teacher and they will then make the necessary arrangements
- All parents and carers are to report to the front office to collect and sign out their child if they are leaving before the end of the school day 2:50pm
- Patents using smart watches to coordinate collection of their child at the end of the school day may send messages or call at 2.50pm. This ensures students know when to expect the message or call and will receive it in a timely manner to coordinate any altered pick-up arrangements

- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met with the year level Assistant Principal or College Principal.

PERSONAL MOBILE PHONE USE INCLUDING SMART WATCHES:

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy](#) which includes the use of smart watches issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones and smart watches must not be used at Alamanda College during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

Please note that Alamanda College does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.

Where students bring a smart watch to school, Alamanda College will allow students to wear their device at own risk and do not take responsibility for any lost or damaged items.

ENFORCEMENT

Students who use their personal smart watch inappropriately at Alamanda College may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing student engagement policies including *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and *Code of Conduct* or *Bullying* policies.

At Alamanda College inappropriate use of smart watches is **any use during school hours** that includes:

- any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school and external toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
- during exams and assessments
- not following the school's duty of care policy when leaving early and signing out

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Alamanda College will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events. Teachers will communicate the appropriate use of personal items including mobile phones and smart watches.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement,
- Bullying policy
- [Mobile Phones — Student Use Policy](#)
- [Weapons — Banning, Searching and Seizing Harmful Items](#)
- [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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