

# Digital Devices and Online Services

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## HEADING

**Condell Park Public School** supports the restrictions of mobile phones in accordance with the NSW Department of Education: Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy ([Student Use of Mobile Phones in Schools \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/primary-education/primary-education-policy-and-procedure/student-use-of-mobile-phones-in-schools)).

Mobile phone use in schools can impact student learning and wellbeing. Restricting mobile phone use at school aims to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

**Condell Park Public School** has strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology, which maximises the benefits and minimises the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school. We foster a safe learning environment which supports and enhances each child's social and emotional health through our wellbeing and learning support teams.

**Condell Park Public School** has elected to use the following approach. All mobile phones and electronic devices such as smart watches (with phone call, recording and videoing functions) will be handed in and stored in the School Office for the full school day, including recess and lunch. This is an approved NSW Department of Education option.

If a student has not followed school procedures, their device will be placed in the office for safe keeping. Parents will be contacted and an adult will be required to pick up the phone from the office at their earliest convenience. If an adult is not available during or half an hour before and after the school day, alternative arrangements may be organised in consultation with school executive.

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**Condell Park Public School** understands there will always be emergencies when parents need to get in contact with students or vice versa during the school day. In an emergency, parents and carers can contact the school through the school office (02 9796 7998) and students will also be able to contact parents or carers if required.