

Frank Dando Sports Academy

Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

Purpose:

This policy outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and consequences regarding the possession and use of mobile phones and other electronic devices during school hours at Frank Dando Sports Academy. It aims to promote a focused, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment.

1. Policy Statement

Mobile phones and electronic devices (including smartwatches, tablets, gaming devices, earbuds, and similar technology) are **strictly prohibited during school hours**, including recess, lunch, physical education, and any off-campus school activities unless explicitly approved by the Principal for educational or safety purposes.

2. Possession and Storage

- All students must **leave their mobile phones and electronic devices at home**.
- If a student brings a mobile phone or electronic device to school (e.g., due to transport needs), the device **must be surrendered at the beginning of the school day** and stored securely in a designated area determined by the Principal.
- Devices will be returned to the student at the end of the school day at the discretion of school staff.

3. Breach of Policy

If a student is found in possession of a mobile phone or electronic device during school hours without permission, the device will be **confiscated immediately** by school staff.

The **duration of confiscation** will be determined by the Principal and may be for:

- 24 hours
- Over a weekend
- One week
- One month
- One full school term
- Until the end of the school year
- Or until the following school year

The length of confiscation will depend on the **context, prior offences, intent, and level of disruption** caused.

4. Parental Involvement and Non-Negotiables

- If a parent or guardian **demands the return of the device** before the Principal's stipulated time, this will be considered an act of **non-compliance** with school policy.

- In such cases, the **parent is voluntarily withdrawing their child from the school**, resulting in **immediate disenrollment** from Frank Dando Sports Academy. This is not subject to negotiation.

5. Liability Disclaimer

- The **school accepts no responsibility** for the loss, damage, or theft of any mobile phone or electronic device brought onto school grounds.
- It is the **sole responsibility of the student** to ensure their device is handed in and collected as per school instructions.
- Any unclaimed device after the confiscation period may be kept in school storage for up to one year, after which the school is under no obligation to retain the item.

6. Emergencies

In the case of an **emergency**, parents/guardians must contact the school office directly. Students will not be permitted to use personal devices to communicate with home unless under direct supervision and approval by the Principal.

7. Appeals and Special Circumstances

- Any appeal against confiscation must be made **in writing to the Principal** by the student, outlining reasons and proposed resolution.

8. Implementation and Review

- This policy is **effective immediately** and will be reviewed annually or as required.
- All students and parents must sign an acknowledgment form upon enrolment confirming their understanding and acceptance of this policy.

Approved by:

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Principal, Frank Dando Sports Academy

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