



**PERTH WALDORF
SCHOOL**
Steiner Education

Bibra Lake & Parkerville Campus

**Primary School
Technology Policy
Computers, Mobile Phones
and Smart Watches
V2.0
website**

PRIMARY SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY POLICY	
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Steiner Education is founded on the belief that new ideas have the most beneficial effects on students when they are presented at the right time. It is for this reason that the primary school does not use any electronic technology in its primary school educational programs, but instead focuses on human interaction as the medium for teaching and learning.

2. MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

In the primary school (especially in the earlier years) students are discouraged from having a mobile phone. Should they have one because of their parents' request, they are not permitted to use them on school grounds. This includes listening to music/using the device in the morning before school or as they leave at the end of the school day. Students must not be wearing headphones at school regardless of whether or not they are connected to a device.

Phones must be turned off and be kept in their bags or given to the class teacher. Smart watches are highly discouraged. Students are not allowed to use their phones on school grounds at the beginning or end of the school day.

If a student needs to use their phone, for example to access a phone number, they must first ask permission, and then use it only while being supervised.

Phones that are being used without permission will be confiscated and handed in to the School Office for collection at the end of the day. Parents may be contacted to verify they have given permission for the phone to be brought to school and consent for it to be returned to their child.

Staff are also expected to limit the use of their mobile phones in public areas and they should not use them during classes.