

Proposed ban on mobile phones in Australian classrooms.

How could this affect you?

Last term, the Australian Government proposed a ban on mobile phones in Australian classrooms to address cyberbullying, anxiety and classroom distractions associated with increased smartphone use.



Primary School Parent Technology Survey about the proposed ban

We can now present you with the views of Primary School Parents about the bans and about children's use of smart devices in general.

The survey was initiated by school communication specialist MGM Wireless and conducted by Lightspeed Research, who interviewed over 1,000 parents.

- **How will the school smartphone ban impact on you?**
- **What are parents' top concerns for their children using smartphones?**
- **What are the alternatives to keep children safe when away from home?**

MGM Wireless is the leading provider of socially responsible mobile communication technology to Australian Schools for nearly 20 years and the inventor of the highly secure SPACETALK child safety wearable device (see overleaf).

Surveyed parents shared their concerns

Parents said their top concerns for their children using smartphones include cyberbullying and sharing inappropriate content, with Facebook ranked as the worst social media enabler.

92%

Want to control who can contact their child

72%

Prefer smartwatch phones with parental controls

61%

Say NO to open access to a smartphone

However, 58% would use a phone or text feature daily to contact their child directly if they could.

Both mums and dads said the main reasons for contacting their child during school hours were:

To confirm they are safe

To let them know about a change of plans

For an update on how their day is going

The key finding from the survey of primary school parents was that most are happy for their children to access smart devices **“as long as there is parental control over the technology and it is safe”**.

Have your say



The Primary School Parent Technology Survey was designed to find out how parents were responding to school technology bans.

Now you can have your say and join the conversation by completing the survey.

Primary School Parent Survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/PrimarySchoolSurvey