

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 984**  
**Asked on 24 August 2023**

**MR L MILLAR** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Minister's announcement in July 2023 of a total prohibition on the use of smart phones and watches in all Queensland state schools—

Will the Minister advise if disciplinary policies attaching to any breaches of the ban will be consistent across all Queensland schools or will any prescribed penalties be the prerogative of individual school principals?

**ANSWER:**

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing the distraction of mobile phones and other devices to provide optimal learning environments for all state school students.

From the first day of Term 1, 2024, student mobile phones and certain wearable devices, such as smartwatches, will need to be 'away for the day', including during break times.

The Department of Education will work closely with schools over the coming months to develop guidance materials, resources and Frequently Asked Questions for school communities, parents and students to ensure a smooth transition to the new policy from the beginning of the 2024 school year.