Smart Glasses Ban Frequently Asked Questions

From 12 October 2026, smart glasses will be prohibited on public school premises and at school-organised events and activities. The change has been introduced through a CEO Instruction issued by the Department of Education.

01 What are smart glasses?

Smart glasses are wearable devices that can include features such as photography, video recording, audio recording, internet connectivity, live streaming and artificial intelligence functionality.

02 Why has this change been introduced?

The Department has advised that smart glasses can create risks relating to:

- Privacy
- Child safety and wellbeing
- Unauthorised recording or photography
- Examination and assessment integrity
- Cyber and information security
- Disruption to teaching, learning and school operations.

03 Who does the ban apply to?

The ban applies to:

- students
- staff
- parents and carers
- visitors
- contractors.

04 Does this affect P&C members?

Yes. P&C members, volunteers and attendees at school-based activities will be required to comply with the same restrictions as other visitors to a school site.

05 Does this apply to P&C events?

The CEO Instruction applies on public school premises and at school-organised events and activities. P&Cs should work closely with their principal if they are unsure how the requirements apply to a particular event or activity.

06 Can smart glasses be used for medical or accessibility reasons?

Yes. Principals may approve the use of smart glasses for:

- medical purposes
- accessibility or assistive technology purposes
- authorised educational programs.

07 Who can approve an exemption?

Exemptions are approved by the principal and must be considered in line with privacy, child protection, and information security requirements. For more information on who can approve an exemption, please contact the Department of Education.

08 What should our P&C do if someone arrives at an event wearing smart glasses?

P&C volunteers should not attempt to interpret or enforce the CEO Instruction themselves. If concerns arise, seek advice from the principal or an authorised member of the school leadership team.

09 Will schools need to communicate these changes?

Yes. Principals are responsible for communicating the requirements within their school communities.

10 Where can I find more information?

Please refer to the Department of Education's website for more information. If you have questions about local implementation, contact your school principal in the first instance or reach out to WACSSO for further support.

- **Be aware of the new requirements from 12 October 2026 (start of Term 4).**
- **Consider the requirements when planning events and activities.**
- **Work with your principal if you are unsure how the CEO Instruction applies in your school's circumstances.**