

# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

## STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY

Bunbury Senior High School Policy and Procedures

### Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

It is not a requirement at Bunbury Senior High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Our school recognises that an increasing number of parents/carers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted on campus

### Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times (off and away all day).

### Guidelines

- Students are permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, however mobile phones must be switched off and stored on the person, in student bags or in the student's locker.
- Students who need to contact parents/carers or work can do so before first bell or after last bell only when they are off site or on the school boundary.

### Exemptions and Communication

- Exemptions to the conditions of use include where a student requires a mobile phone:
  - to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
  - under the direct instruction of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Devices such as smart watches, iPads and other tablets must not be used to send or receive messages during the school day.
- While at school, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents/carers and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

### Guidelines

- Bunbury Senior High School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. Where students need to get in contact with parents/carers, students are to notify the appropriate school staff.
- If parents/carers need to contact their children, they should phone the school directly on



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(08) 9797 8900 and request a message to be passed on to their child/children.

## **Breaches of this Policy**

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.

## **Guidelines**

- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at administration. The student can collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held at the administration. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience.
- Further disciplinary action, in accordance with the student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the principal may direct the withdrawing of the student's mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.

## **Further Guidance**

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

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