

Murtoa College

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES POLICY



Purpose:

To explain the Department of Education and Training's (DET) and Murtoa College's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Murtoa College and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones and other personal mobile devices eg. Smartwatches, Tablets, iPads, iPods etc

For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smartwatches etc.

Aim:

- To follow DET guidelines, minimise the distractions associated with these devices at Murtoa College and provide a safe and supportive school environment.

Implementation:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- The school encourages F-12 students to not bring mobile phones to school, however if students choose to they must:
 - not to use them during school hours and
 - be locked in a locker for the entire school day. I.e. From arrival to departure during the school day, mobile phones will not be permitted in class or in the yard.
- Students found using a mobile phone at school in the yard or in class time without teacher permission, will have the phone confiscated in the first instance.
- Parents will be contacted and asked to collect the phone. Further offences may lead to increased disciplinary action.
- Mobile phones are not permitted to be taken on excursions/camps without permission from the coordinating teacher and approval by the Principal.
- Mobile phones must be handed to the Teacher in Charge when requested.
- Staff have the right to request a student to hand over their mobile phone unconditionally.
- Staff are expected to confiscate student mobile phones if they are visible at all during the school day.
- Staff are expected to enforce the Student Mobile Phone Policy at all times.
- Students may be requested to use mobile phones by a teacher, but they will be informed prior to the class and will only be permitted to use the phone with permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
- Listening to music on a mobile phone or device is not permitted.

Evaluation:

This policy is due to be ratified by School Council in:

December 2019