

Murtoa College

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES POLICY



Purpose:

To explain the Department's and Murtoa College's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones during school hours.

Rationale:

- Mobile phones are popular and effective modern day communication tools, which may be used to serve many purposes. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aim:

- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause and provide a safe and supportive school environment.

Implementation:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones
- The school does not permit Year F-6 student to bring mobile phones to school, provided they hand them into the office on arrival and collect them on departure
- The school permits Year 7-12 students to bring mobile phones to school, however, they are not to use them during school hours unless a teacher has granted approval for an appropriate educational purpose whilst under their supervision
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using a mobile phone whilst at school or involved in a school related activity
- Mobile phones and students using them, must not cause disruptions to classes or individuals, and must not cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school, including bus travel to and from school.
- Students are not to use the school's mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge.
- Students found using a mobile phone at school at break times 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 for a second offence. A further offence 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
- Staff may permit students to use mobile phones for educational purposes whilst being supervised
- Staff have the right to request a student mobile phone unconditionally
- Mobile phones must be handed to the Teacher in Charge when requested
- Staff are expected to confiscate student mobile phones if they see them being used during break times or without explicit teacher permission during a learning experience
- Staff are always expected to enforce the Student Mobile Phone Policy.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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