



KENT STREET

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mobile Phone Policy

Inappropriate use of mobile phones interferes with the good order of the school, and may lead to disrupting the learning of the students and invasion of privacy. Breaches of this policy include:

- Photographing of staff and students without permission
- Uploading images to web-sharing networks with information and images being accessible to anyone
- Mobile phone users being in possession of inappropriate images on their phones
- Communicating with other students in other classrooms
- Leaving classrooms to make or receive phone calls
- Interruption to classes by ringing phones
- Bullying and intimidation
- Students phoning parents to pick them up and leaving school without signing out
- Phoning parents during investigation of behaviour incidents and undermining the school's process
- Use of phones during assessments
- Bringing outside issues into the school via technology

Both current and potential inappropriate use of mobile phones present a significant risk to the operations of the school and the privacy of staff and students.

The following statements explain Kent Street Senior High School's policy on mobile phones.

1. **It is recommended that students do not bring their mobile phones to school.** Student property is not covered by the school's insurer for loss, damage or theft.
2. The school recognises that some students access their mobile phone as a device for educational purposes. This is allowed at the discretion of the teacher in charge.
3. Responsible use of mobile phones during break times is permitted.
4. Inappropriate use of phones (eg: use during lessons without permission, group messaging, offensive material, harassment of another person) will result in the phone being confiscated for the remainder of the school day and collected by the student from a member of Executive at the end of the school day. The onus is on the staff member to deliver the phone to Student Services and to notify the student where it can be collected from. Serious offences will invoke further sanctions eg: loss of good standing, detention, parental contact or suspension.
5. Refusal to hand over a phone when found to be using it inappropriately is deemed to be failing to follow an instruction and students can expect to be dealt with under the school's behaviour management policy.
6. Following a second confiscation parents will be contacted by a Deputy Principal.
7. Students needing to make emergency phone calls may do so from the Student Services desk. In the event that it is unmanned students may present themselves to the Front office for assistance in making an urgent call.
8. Any student who is feeling unwell and needs to go home, must arrange this through the Nurse, Pastoral Care Coordinator or another member of the Student Services team and sign out after parental permission is obtained.
9. Parents needing to contact students urgently can do so by phoning Student Services and a message will be passed on to the student.