

MOBILE PHONE 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 important to note that it is not a requirement at Kent Street Senior High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Kent Street Senior High 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 at Kent Street Senior High School.

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.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students is not permitted from the time they enter the school grounds to the conclusion of the school day, unless under the instruction of a teacher or staff member. Mobile phones should be 'off and away all day'.

Exemptions and Communication

- Exemptions to this ban 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.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Kent Street Senior High School has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. In emergencies, 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 are asked to contact the school directly.

Breaches of this Policy

- Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with Positive Student Behaviour Policy. Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at student services or 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, the parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience. The Principal may direct the withdrawing of the student's mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently. If a student refuses to hand the phone over to a staff member, this breach of the school rule, will then be dealt with using the Positive Student Behaviour Policy.