



## STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

### Policy

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose. For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones, ear buds, iPods, MP3 players and speakers. The charging of mobile phones is also prohibited during the school day.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Morley Senior High School for students to have a mobile phone at school. Morley Senior High School recognises, however, that an increasing number of parents/carers wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Morley Senior High School.

### Conditions of bringing a Mobile Phone at Morley Senior High School

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. Mobile phones should be 'off and away' all day.

### Exemptions and Communication

Exemptions 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
- to use as a payment method at the school canteen (under duty teacher supervision).
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Morley Senior High School, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration. If parents /carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school administration on 93765555.

### Breaches of this Policy

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

In the case of inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held by the relevant Deputy Principal. Parents will be informed before the phone is returned to the student. Repeated inappropriate use will result in the parent/carer being informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school.