



Morley Senior High School

Mobile Device Policy

Version 1

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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. Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received 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:

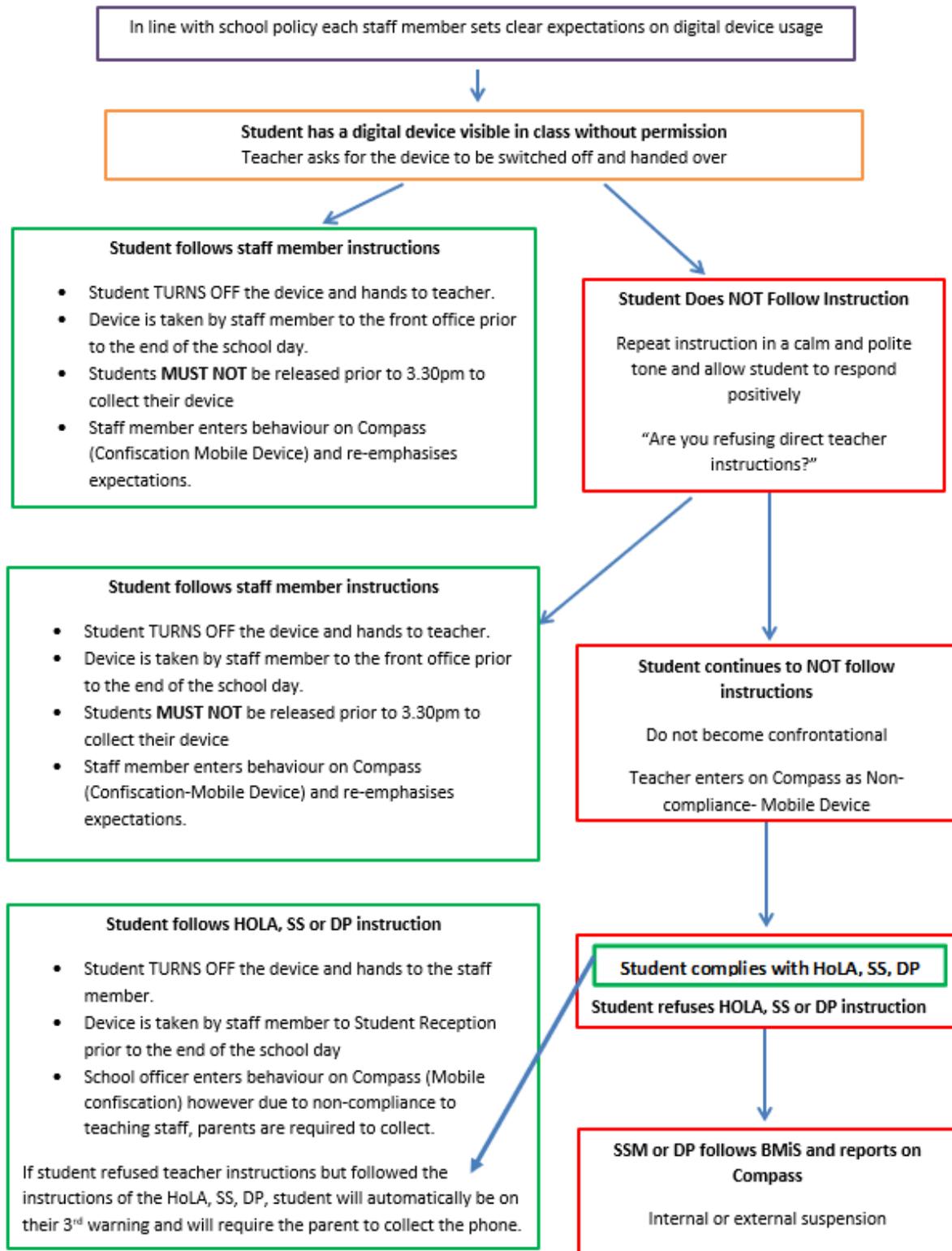
1. to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
2. to use as a payment method at the school canteen (under duty teacher supervision).
3. While at Morley Senior High School, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and 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

In the case of inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held by school administration. Parents will be informed before the phone is returned to the student. Three occasions of inappropriate use or initial noncompliance will result in the parent/carer being informed and required to collect the mobile phone from the school.

Students who use a mobile phone (still and video) to film people and their activities without their knowledge and/or permission and any student found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images, videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended immediately.

School Management



First offense- Student can collect their device or confiscated item from the front office from 3:30pm

Second offense- Student can collect their device or confiscated item and school officer, SS or DP informs the parents/ carer of the infringement and repercussions for third offense.

Third offense- Parent/ carer will be contacted to collect the device or confiscated item. Student will have their Good Standing removed.

(Each Semester)

Legislation

Legislation on the use of surveillance devices make clear that there should be rights for protection of individual privacy. In Western Australia, this is very clear in the Surveillance Devices Act 1998 Sect 5

SURVEILLANCE DEVICES ACT 1998 - SECT 5

Regulation of use, installation and maintenance of listening devices

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a person shall not install, use, or maintain, or cause to be installed, used, or maintained, a listening device —

- (a) to record, monitor, or listen to a private conversation to which that person is not a party; or
- (b) to record a private conversation to which that person is a party.

Penalty:

- (a) for an individual: \$5 000 or imprisonment for 12 months, or both;

If we do not make students aware of the seriousness of this breach, it is also a failure to ensure that they develop a full appreciation of the legal recourse which is available to anyone who chooses to use it if they are recorded against their wishes.