



STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

Policy

Morley Senior High School prohibits the use of students using mobile phones from the first bell to the conclusion of the school day.

The policy supports staff and students to:

- reduce the potential for learning distraction
- protect the privacy of staff and students
- improve health and wellbeing
- reduce the chance of students bringing external issues to school through technology.

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 start of the day siren at 8:55am to the conclusion of the school day at 3:15pm. Mobile phones should be 'off and away' between these times.

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;
2. to use as a payment method at the school canteen (under duty teacher supervision);
3. for specific educational purposes directed by the teacher.

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, that results in confiscation, their mobile phone will be held by school administration. Parents will be informed before the phone is returned to the student. Repeated inappropriate use will result in the parent/carer having to collect the device from the school.