



WAROONA

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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 and ear buds.**

It is important to note that it is NOT a requirement at Waroona District High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Waroona District 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 Waroona District High School.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time they arrive at school to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times (off and away all day).

Primary Students (Kindergarten to Year 6)

- Students in K-6 are not permitted to have mobile phones at school.
- If a student brings a mobile phone to school, the mobile phone must be switched off and taken to the administration office before the school days begins and collected at the end of the school day. Students will need to sign in and out their mobile phone at the administration office. Waroona District High School will securely store student mobile phones during the school day.

Secondary Students (Year 7 to Year 10)

- Secondary students are permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, however mobile phones must be switched off and stored in student bags. They are to be neither seen nor heard.
- Parents and students can opt for secondary students to take student mobile phones to the administration office before the school days begins and collect the device at the end of the school day. Students will need to sign in and out their mobile phone at the administration office. Waroona District High School will securely store student mobile phones during the school 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
 - or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose while on a school based activity.
- Smart watches must be in 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

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- While at Waroona District 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.
- Waroona District 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 the Waroona District High School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.
- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at 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, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held at the administration. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience.
- Further disciplinary action, in accordance with Waroona District High School student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.

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