



## 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 John Forrest Secondary College for students to have a mobile phone at school; educational activities can be completed on student devices supplied through the BYOD program or College devices as required.

John Forrest Secondary College 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 the College.

### 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'. This includes listening accessories, such as headphones and earbuds.

### 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 and supervision of a teacher for educational purposes; or
  - to purchase recess/lunch from the canteen via EFTPOS.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

The College has duty of care for all students when they are attending the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, must occur via the school's administration.

Students requiring an exemption must apply through the College administration.

### Breaches of this Policy

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

Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at administration. On a first offence, 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 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 John Forrest Secondary College student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.