

Jurien Bay 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.

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

Jurien Bay 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 Jurien Bay 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).

- 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'.

Secondary students (year 7 to year 12)

- Secondary students (year 7 to year 12) are permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, however they must be turned off and neither seen nor heard.

Primary students (kindergarten to year 6)

- Mobile phones must be switched off and stored in student bags.

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 of a teacher for educational purposes; or with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.
- Smart watches must be in 'airplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Jurien Bay 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.

- **Jurien Bay 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 *School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures*.

- Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the office. 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 office. 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 **Jurien Bay District High School** student behaviour policy and procedures may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach.

Further Guidance

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.