

STUDENT MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY



Policy Statement

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 electronic devices' include smart watches, tablets/ipads, hand held game consoles, other electronic communication devices and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, bluetooth speakers, headphones and ear buds.

Balcatta Senior 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 Electronic Devices are permitted at Balcatta Senior High School.

Conditions of use – any device (as listed above)

1. **ALL** Mobile Electronic Devices (as listed above) should be '**off and away all day**' including before school and at break times.
2. Must not be used for taking photographs or videos, unless instructed by the teacher to be used as a learning tool.
3. The Mobile Electronic Device is the responsibility of the student. The school takes no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any device in any circumstance, even if confiscated at the time of loss.
4. **Exceptions to this policy include where a student requires a mobile phone to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan OR when directed by a teacher to use the device as an educational tool. This will also include the POD being introduced into Year 7 for 2021**
5. Students will be able to use their laptops and tablets (only for study purposes) before school in the café area. There is currently no facility for their use during breaks. This will change for 2021 when the library is functional.

While at school, contact with parents must be made through Student Services by phone on 9345 8228, not the student's mobile phone. Parents must communicate through the school if they need to make emergency contact with their children.

Breaches of these conditions:

- Mobile phones will be confiscated and required to be collected after school by a parent from the front office.
- Students who refuse to follow a teacher's instructions are dealt with in accordance with the School Behaviour Plan – including possible suspension.
- Students who are involved in recording, distributing or uploading fights or other inappropriate material will be dealt with as a serious breach of school discipline and suspended for a period of time in accordance with the Department of Education's No Voice to Violence campaign.