

Mobile Electronic Devices Policy – “Off and Away All Day”



Policy Statement

As per the Department of Education *Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy*, mobile electronic devices such as mobile phones, electronic communication devices, headphones/ear buds are not permitted to be used on school grounds from the moment a student arrives onto school grounds to the conclusion of the school day – “Off and Away All Day”.

The Mobile Electronic Devices Policy supports staff and students to:

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

Students are permitted to be in possession of their mobile phone during the school day, however, mobile phones must be turned off and neither seen nor heard (“Off and Away All Day”). Students are required to put their smart watches on “Aeroplane/Flight Mode” so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

All communications between parents and students during school hours must be made through Student Services by telephone on 9345 8200.

Students who have their mobile phone out or visible during the school day will have their mobile electronic device confiscated for the remainder of the school day.

Conditions of Use – any mobile electronic 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. **ALL** mobile electronic devices must not be used for taking photographs or videos, unless instructed by the teacher to be used as a learning tool.
3. The security of mobile electronic devices is the responsibility of the student. The school takes **no responsibility** for the recovery of these items should they be lost, damaged or stolen under any circumstances.

Exemptions

Students may be granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile electronic devices:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

Breaches of this Policy

- **First Breach** – confiscation of the mobile electronic device for student to collect from the Administration Office at the end of the school day (office closes at 4.00 pm).
- **Second Breach** – confiscation of the mobile electronic device for parent/guardian to collect from the Administration Office at the end of the school day (office closes at 4.00 pm).
- **Repeated breaches** – confiscation of the mobile electronic device for parent/guardian to collect from the Administration Office at the end of the school day (office closes at 4.00 pm). Repeated breaches of the policy will result in a Loss of Good Standing.
- Breaching the Balcatta Senior High School Code of Conduct, Student Behaviour in Public School Policy, Mobile Electronic Devices Policy and e-breach expectations may result in a penalty or suspension.