

CLARKSON COMMUNITY 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 Clarkson Community High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Clarkson Community 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 Clarkson Community High School.

Conditions of Use

- The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the 8.45am (8.55am Wednesdays) bell to the conclusion of the school day. This includes break times (off and away all 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
 - 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 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- Clarkson Community 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 student services. 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 student services. The parent/carer is to be informed before the student may collect the mobile phone.
- In the case of further repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held at student services. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect their child's mobile phone at their earliest convenience.
- Further disciplinary action, in accordance with the Clarkson Community High School *student behaviour policy and procedures* may be a result of repeated breaches and or depending on the circumstances of the breach (i.e., withdrawal, suspension etc)

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.