



PINJARRA SENIOR 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.

Please note that it is not a requirement at Pinjarra Senior High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Pinjarra 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 phones are permitted at the school.

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 before school and at break times.

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 (current medical certificate must be provided); 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.
- Pinjarra Senior 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 (classroom teacher, school administration and Student Services). If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly.

Breaches of this Policy

- Pinjarra Senior High School will be implementing a three strikes approach in the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student. The classroom or duty teacher will request that the student handover their mobile phone to be kept securely at Student Services until the end of the day.
 - **Strike 1** - Student may sign out and collect phone at the end of school day.
 - **Strike 2** – Student may sign out and collect phone at the end of school day. Parents will be notified via text at stage 2.
 - **Strike 3** - The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience.
- **Breaches and/or refusal of this policy are likely to result in further disciplinary action, in accordance with the School Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.**

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.