



Brookton District High School

An Independent Public School

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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 Brookton District High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Brookton 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 Brookton 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).

Secondary students (year 7 to year 10)

- Secondary students who bring their mobile phone to school are required to switch off, and hand their phone into the front administration office. The student owner of the phone will be recorded and the phones securely stored until collected from administration by the student at the conclusion of the school day.



Primary students (kindergarten to year 6)

- Primary school students should not bring a mobile phone to school at all.

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, headphones and air pods, or other electronic listening devices, should not be bought to school
- Brookton 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*.

First offence

Students who do not comply with this policy will have their mobile phone confiscated and held at the administration office. The student can collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day.

Second offence

In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held at the administration office. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience.

Third offence

If a student breaches the Brookton District High School Mobile Phone Policy 3 times in one term they will be suspended for a period of one school day and lose their Good Standing.

Additional breaches

Further breaches of the Mobile Phone Policy will result in additional disciplinary action. In addition, the Principal will direct the withdrawing of the student's mobile phone from Brookton District High School for the remainder of the term.

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.