



# Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools

For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds. The Department of Education's [Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy](#) bans students from using mobile phones from the time they enter school grounds to the conclusion of the school day.

**"Off and away all day"** includes before school and at break times.

All communication between parents/carers and students should occur via the school's Administration office on (08) 9831 3300 during school hours 8:50am – 3:00pm.

## The policy supports staff and students to:

- reduce the potential for learning distraction
- protect the privacy of staff and students
- improve health and wellbeing
- reduce the chance of students bringing external issues to school through technology

## Exemptions can apply for:

- students 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

## Kindergarten to Year 6 students:

- are not permitted to have a mobile phone in their possession during the school day
- must store their mobile phone in the front office upon arrival where it will be stored in a secure space
- the owner of the phone will be the only person allowed to collect the phone at 3:00pm

## Year 7 to 10 students:

- can have a mobile phone in their possession during school hours
- must have their mobile phone turned off and out of sight during the school day, **"neither seen nor heard"**
- require students to put their smart watches in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

## Important to Note:

Kojonup DHS accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of a student's mobile phone/listening accessories.



**Breach of the KDHS Mobile phone policy:**

Staff will complete a Compass chronicle entry for a breach. At the end of each term, all student's mobile phone breaches will be re-set.

<p><b><i>Breach of the Mobile phone policy</i></b></p> <p>Student chooses to <b>NOT</b> keep their mobile phone/listening accessories away, during class time or during the breaks</p>	<p>The student will hand their mobile phone/listening accessories into the front office and can collect it at the end of the school day at 3:00pm.</p>
<p><b><i>Multiple breaches of the mobile phone policy</i></b></p> <p>A student repeatedly breaches the mobile phone policy</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal will track the breaches and ring/meet with the student and their parent/carer. 'Digital Day care' may apply - which will require the student to hand their phone into the Administration office each morning for a nominated period of time.</p>
<p><b><i>Refusal to hand over mobile phone/listening accessories</i></b></p> <p>If a student refuses to follow the mobile phone policy and refuses to hand over their mobile phone/listening accessories, they will be deemed not following instructions</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal will contact the student's parent/carer to ask them to encourage their son/daughter to make a positive choice, to follow instructions and to hand their mobile phone into the Administration office.</p> <p>Further refusal will result in the parent/carer being asked to come and collect the student from school and the student will be suspended and will lose their good standing.</p> <p>'Digital Day care' may apply - which will require the student to hand their phone into the Administration office each morning for a nominated period of time.</p>
<p><b><i>Still images or video footage</i></b></p> <p>If a student takes still images or video footage of fights and/or distributes or redistributes still images or video footage of fights</p>	<p>The student will be suspended and will lose their good standing.</p>

***Note: The final consequence for any given situation (breach) is at the Principal's discretion.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_