

LEEMING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN THE SCHOOL POLICY

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless it is for a medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Leeming Senior High School for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Leeming 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 Leeming Senior 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).

Students are permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, however mobile phones must be switched off and stored either on the student, in students' bag or in the student's locker.

COMMUNICATION AND EXEMPTIONS

- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.
- While at Leeming Senior High School, students are the responsibility of the school. All communications between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

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.

Leeming 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 report to Student Services or to Administration. If parents/carers need to contact their children, they are asked to contact the school directly on 9237 6800.

BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the School *Behavioural Management Policy and Procedures*.

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

1st Incident

- If confiscated by a classroom teacher – collect from Head of the Learning Area
- If confiscated by a teacher on yard duty – collect from Administration

Incident Recorded

2nd Incident

- Collect from relevant Student Services Manager

Incident Recorded

3rd incident

- In the case of inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, their mobile phone will be confiscated and held by the appropriate Deputy Principal. The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience.
- In the case of repeated inappropriate mobile phone use by a student, the Principal may direct the withdrawing of the student's mobile phone from the school for a determined period or permanently.

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.