

**Rockingham Senior High School**  
**STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY**  
**'Off and away all day'**



## **Policy**

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical purposes.

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

Rockingham 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 Rockingham Senior High School.

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.

## **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 in student bags.
- Mobile phone should not be seen at school by staff at any time while students are on school grounds.
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school 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.
- While at Rockingham Senior High School, students are the responsibility of the school. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.
- Rockingham 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. 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*.

