



# CONDOBOLIN HIGH SCHOOL

## Mobile Phones Policy

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While we acknowledge that mobile phones are a part of contemporary society it is imperative that mobile phones are not used in a manner which disrupts learning, invades people's privacy or used as a tool for harassment.

The following rules apply to the use of mobile phones by Condobolin High School students:

1. Mobile phones are not be used in class, unless directed so under the supervision of a staff member for educational purposes only.
2. When not being used phones must be switched off or placed on silent in the student's bag or pocket. They are not to be removed under any circumstances, unless the teacher gives permission.

### Consequences

1. If these rules are breached and a teacher asks a student to comply with the policy and they do so immediately no further consequence will ensure. The teacher will enter the incident on the schools reporting system (Sentral).
2. If a student does not follow a teachers instructions, this will be deemed as continued disobedience and result in the student being placed on the levels system.
3. If a student regularly breaches the rules however complies as per point 1. This will also be recorded as continued disobedience resulting in the student being placed on the levels system.
4. A student will progress up the levels for continuing to breach the mobile phone policy (persistent disobedience) till they reach the Deputy Principal level and a short suspension will result.

### Recommendations:

- Students who bring mobile phones to school do so at their own risk. The school takes no responsibility for the security of mobile phones or other valuable items brought to school. Students and parents should recognise that mobile phones are a target for theft and should ensure that they are adequately insured as personal property. Students are responsible for the safe keeping of personal items brought to school and the school's recommendation is that only items actually needed at school are brought to school each day.
- Parents wishing to contact their child must phone the school and our administration staff will make contact with the student.
- Students needing to phone parents during the school day do so via the Front Office.
- Students who are feeling unwell must report to the administration staff who will contact parents if necessary. Students must not contact parents direct and make arrangements to leave the school without the direct knowledge of the school staff.
- Students may only use school cameras to record images and sound as part of their course work or other approved school activities that may include excursions, sporting events and with the specific approval of and under the direct supervision of the class

teacher. It is illegal to record or photograph staff/students/personnel without their specific permission.

### **Sanctions for Improper Use**

If a mobile phone is found to be in the possession of a student without permission, it will be immediately confiscated and handed to the Principal or Deputy Principal.

### **Legal Implications**

Where criminal activity is suspected, the police will be contacted.

Students must not take photos or videos or recordings of other students or staff. They must not contact staff by phone unless given specific permission to do so on a particular occasion, e.g. on an overnight field trip where phone contact is required. Breaches of these rules are not only a serious matter under the school's discipline code, but could also breach legislation such as the Children and Young Persons Care and Protection Act, Privacy Act and Occupational Health and Safety Act. This is a serious matter that has legal implications.