

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

This Policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at Leeming Senior High School as of 3 February 2020.

The Department of Education of Western Australia does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless it is for a medical reason (refer to “Request for Exemption to Student Mobile Phone Ban” application form) or teacher directed educational purpose (only in Years 11 and 12).

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 Parents/Carers wish to provide their children with mobile phones for safety, security and/or emergency purposes when travelling to and from school.

For the purpose of this policy, ‘mobile phones’ includes but is not limited to smart watches, other electronic communication devices, associated listening accessories, such as headphones, ear buds, iPods, MP3/4, PSPs and other portable gaming consoles.

CONDITIONS OF USE

The use of mobile phones for all students will be banned from the time students arrive at school (as in enter school grounds) to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times (off and away all day).

COMMUNICATION AND EXEMPTIONS

- BYOD devices (iPad or Macbook/Laptop) are permitted for educational use under the direction of teachers for all classes and at recess and lunch ONLY in the designated BYOD precinct (the area bordered by the Administration, Student Services, English and Hospitality buildings) and the Library.
- Smart watches must be in ‘aeroplane mode’ so that 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/carers and students, during school hours, should occur via the school’s administration on 9237 6800.

Exemptions of 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
- as part of a student's documented risk management plan
- deemed necessary by the Principal or the Principal's delegate.

To apply for an exemption, a parent/carer must submit the "Request for Exemption to Student Mobile Phone Ban" application form to the Lower School Deputy Principal (Years 7-9) or Upper School Deputy Principal (Years 10-12) for consideration.

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

BREACHES OF THE MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS POLICY

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the Leeming SHS *Positive Student Behaviour Plan*. 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 (OR YARD DUTY TEACHER)

- **If confiscated by a classroom teacher** – teacher delivers phone to Head of Learning Area and student collects from Head of the Learning Area at the end of the school day.
- **If confiscated by a teacher on Yard Duty** – teacher delivers phone to Administration and student collects from relevant Deputy Principal.
- Incident recorded on SIS Behaviour.

2nd INCIDENT

- **If confiscated by a classroom teacher-** teacher delivers phone to relevant year Student Services Manager and student collects from relevant Student Services Manager at the end of the school day.
- Incident recorded on SIS behaviour.

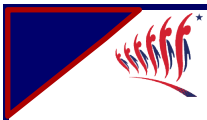
3rd INCIDENT

- **If confiscated by a classroom teacher** – deliver phone to relevant Deputy Principal.
- The parent/carer will be informed and requested to collect the mobile phone from the school at their earliest convenience.

ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS

- 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.

NOTE – When a staff member is unsure of the incident number, refer the phone to the Head of Learning Area who will assess the situation.



Please allow **Student Name** to use their mobile phone appropriately during class time and break time for medical reasons.

Date range: _____

Judy Semple - Deputy Principal