

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Hunters Hill High School recognises that many students may possess mobile phones carried for reasons of security and communication with families. However, in accordance with the Department of Education, our school employs the 'off and away' phone policy. Students must turn off mobile phones on entry to school and not turn them on until they leave. Further, we recommend that students do not bring mobile phones to school as mobile phones must not interfere with the delivery of lessons or the learning of any student.

If parents urgently need to contact their child during the day they should contact the school by phone: (02) 9817 4565 or email: huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and the message will be delivered.

In consultation with our community, the following guidelines have been prepared.

1. Mobile phones are not to be seen. They are to remain switched off and inside students' bags. Phones are not to be carried in pockets
2. Headphones are not accepted
3. HHHS accepts no responsibility for the security of mobile phones. If a student brings a mobile phone to school, then they are responsible for its appropriate use, storage, and safe keeping
4. Mobile phones are NOT to be used as calculators - they are not NESA approved
5. If a mobile phone rings or a student receives a text message, the student will be, in the first instance, instructed to turn the phone off
6. If a mobile phone is removed from a bag during a lesson, the student will be given a verbal reminder to put this in their bag
7. If a student needs to leave the classroom for matters such as bathroom visits, the phone remains in their bag in the classroom
8. Failure to follow the directions of the teacher following one verbal warning will be met with our school's behaviour policy including parent contact, student recess or lunch reflection, or referral to the Head Teacher
9. Repeated violations will result in an agreement with the parents that a student will:
 - a) Not bring a mobile phone to school
 - b) Hand the phone in at the office at the beginning of each school day
 - c) They will collect the phone from the security of the school office after the end of day bell
10. If repeat violations of the school's mobile phone policy occur, the Deputy Principal may request the return of the mobile phone to the parent rather than the student. Continued disobedience with phone use will be treated with our school's behavioural steps

PRIVACY RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS:

1. In line with the Inclosed Lands Act, students may not take images or videos of other students. They may not share images or videos via digital messaging, or on online platforms. Only school approved videos and images may be shared online in accordance with our approved list of students with permission to publish
2. Students may not bully or harass others on digital platforms
3. Behavioural consequences will follow non-compliance

TESTS, EXAMINATIONS & ASSESSMENT TASKS:

Hunters Hill High School follows the guidelines of NESAs with regards to the total prohibition of any communication devices (phones, watches, laptops) within an examination area for NAPLAN and HSC. This is to ensure that equity is maintained for all students.

1. Students are not permitted to bring a mobile phone, on their person or with their equipment, into an examination area or a classroom area that is being used for the conducting of a test, examination, or assessment task. Teachers should remind students of this requirement prior to them entering the room. (This provision cannot be overridden by turning the phones off)
2. Any incoming or outgoing call / message / text will be automatically regarded as assessment malpractice and will result in the student receiving a zero mark for the test, examination, or assessment task. No negotiation as to the content of received messages or what was present on the device will be entered into

SMART WATCHES

Smart watches should be placed on aeroplane mode during lessons. If a student is seen to be messaging via the smart watch, then they will be instructed to place this in their bag, and the same procedures as per mobile phones will be followed.

EXEMPTIONS

The school will manage individual requests from parents and/or carers, and students, for any exemptions to the policy. The school may allow students to use mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, to achieve student health and wellbeing outcomes, or as part of reasonable adjustment to enable students with specific needs to participate in education on the same basis as other students.