



Student Mobile Phone Policy

Commencement	27 January, 2021	Review	November, 2021
Year Levels	Prep – Year 12		
Related Policy	Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment Policy: http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/learning/Pages/Safe,-Supportive-and-Disciplined-School-Environment.aspx		

Rationale

At Kuranda District State College all students have a right to feel safe and supported when at school. All students also have a right to a quality education free from distraction. With a strong focus on student learning, and academic and personal achievement, this policy restricts the use of mobile phones to ensure a conducive learning environment that promotes a strong focus on teaching, learning and student engagement.

Implementation of Policy

1. Year 11 & 12 students are permitted to have their mobile phones on them, but it is expected that senior students will only use their phones appropriately and when it does not impact teaching, learning, or the wellbeing of other students.
1.1 Year 11 & 12 student mobile phones will not be used during lunch times for any purpose.
2. All P – 6 students must hand their mobiles phones in at the office. Section 3 to 12 relates to Year 7 – 10 students.
3. Parents/carers and students are both responsible for the correct use of a student's mobile phone. Parents or carers are primarily responsible for educating their own child about their digital footprint and the possible police action that could be taken for inappropriate use.
4. Mobile phones are banned from use during schools hours when a student is in the care of Kuranda District State College staff.
 - 4.1 For the purpose of this policy school hours are defined as being from 8:45am until 2:35pm.
 - 4.2 The only exception to section 4 is when a student has been explicitly provided instructions by a teacher or member of staff to utilise their phone for educational purposes.
5. Kuranda District State College waives all responsibility for any loss, theft, damage or vandalism of a student's mobile phone if the phone was brought onto school grounds.
6. If a student brings a mobile phone to school, he or she does so at their own risk. Mobile phones must always:
 - 6.1 Remain inside a student's personal bag, switched off and out of sight between the hours of 8:45am and 2:35pm. This includes lunch breaks, OR
 - 6.2 Handed into the office before 8:45am for collection after the school day from 2:35pm
7. Students are permitted to use administration phones when on school grounds to contact their parents or carers in the case of an emergency.



8. Mobile phones must not be used to bypass school procedures in relation to school-parent contact. Parents or carers must contact the front office to pass on any messages to their child (see sections 6.1 and 6.2).
9. If a student requires a mobile phone due to a serious medical condition, exemption from this policy can be sought through the Principal.

Procedures for Non-compliance

10. A student who is found utilising their mobile phone or found to be carrying a personal mobile on themselves will be provided a verbal warning and provided an opportunity to address section 6.1 or 6.2.
11. In the instance that a student is non-compliant with section 10 a member of the leadership team will assist in the matter.
 - 11.1 Where a leadership team member has provided the directive in section 10, section 11 will not be applicable.
12. The student will be requested to hand over their phone to the member of the leadership team. The student will be instructed that the phone will be kept in the office and can be collected at the end of the school day (see section 6.2).
 - 12.1 A warning will be issued to the student for a first and second non-compliance with policy and recorded on OneSchool.
 - 12.2 Three official warnings and the student's phone will be temporarily removed from the student. A parent or carer will be required to collect the phone from the school.
 - 12.3 Ongoing and persistent behaviour in sections 10 and 12 may result in a Student Disciplinary Absence (SDA).

College Principal

Date: 08/12/2020

P & C President

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