



## MOBILE PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

The [Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy](#)<sup>1</sup> bans students from using mobile phones from the time they enter the school grounds to the conclusion of the school day. This includes before school and at break times (off and away all day). Smart watches and listening accessories, such as headphones and earbuds are also not permitted.

The new policy supports staff and students to:

- reduce the potential for learning distraction
- protect the privacy of staff and students
- improve health and wellbeing
- reduce the chance of students bringing external issues to school through technology

Students are permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, however mobile phones must be switched off and in student bags or in their locker.

It is important to note that it is not a requirement at Atwell College for students to have a mobile phone at school.

Atwell College 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 Atwell College.

### 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
- Smart watches must be in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

Atwell College 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.

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**Parents and carers who wish to contact their children for emergencies can do so via Student Services reception on 6174 2276. Students may use the telephone in the Student Services if parents need to be contacted.**

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### Breaches of this Policy

Breaches of this policy will be managed in accordance with the College Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures.

Atwell College does not recommend that mobile telephones or similar electronic devices be brought onto school grounds. Atwell College and its staff are not responsible if a student's mobile telephone is lost, stolen or damaged.

A student who breaches this rule will have his/her phone confiscated to be collected from Student Services at the end of the day. Any subsequent confiscations will require a parent/guardian to come to the Administration building to collect it.