



**KULIN DISTRICT
HIGH SCHOOL**

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

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USE OF MOBILE PHONES

There are many parents and guardians who, for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. Kulin District High School allows students to bring mobile phones or tablets to school, however these are not to be accessed during school time, including before school, recess and lunch. This policy aligns with Department policy of 'Off and Away all Day'.

Students are therefore required to leave their phones in labelled ziplock bags in the front office between the time they **arrive** at school to the time they **depart**. Those students who have not handed in their phones will be identified if the ziplock bags are empty.

At the beginning of the school year, parents will complete a permission slip indicating whether their child has a mobile phone and if it will be brought to school.

Parents are advised to monitor and encourage appropriate use of technology including mobile phones and the internet.

POLICY

1. Students are **not permitted** to have their mobile phone or tablet in their possession from the time they arrive at school to the time they depart school. These devices are also not allowed at school events.
2. Students will **not be permitted** to take mobile phones or devices on school camps. A school mobile will be taken on these camps for emergency contact reasons.
3. Students who are seen with their phone at school will be asked to hand it in at the front office. This will incur an infringement as per the Behaviour Management Guidelines. Failure to follow this direction will result in their parents being contacted and asked to collect the phone. The student will receive an Improvement Card.
4. A repeat breach of this school rule will result in consequences as per the Behaviour Guidelines and possible suspension.
5. Students involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on the school premises or school events will be immediately suspended.

It is at the principal's discretion to act contrary to this policy for special events where a mobile phone may be required.