



Mobile Phone Use at Cowra High School

Cowra High School has a **“blanket ban”** of mobile phones. This is because of changes in NSW Government Legislation, and in response to survey feedback from staff, students and the wider school community.

Our school is committed to providing the very best possible educational opportunities for our students and as such, we are asking for parent and carer support to ensure our students do not have a mobile phone with them during the day.

All other electronic devices (laptop, tablets etc) are only to be used for educational purposes, and if explicit permission is given by the teacher in charge.

Students **are not permitted** to have or use mobile phones at any time during the school day. This includes during all break times, before school, during recess and lunch and after school while on school site waiting to catch buses home. **NO warnings for mobile device misuse will be given to students.**

The following process will occur if a student is unable to abide by the school procedure:

- **During all school time (between the school opening hours of 8:30am – 4pm)**

Mobile phones may **NOT** be seen, heard and/or used at any time.

- **If Mobile Phone is seen, heard and/or used**

Teacher creates Sentral Entry, student subject to appropriate discipline procedures of the school.

Phone handed in to the front administration office by student.

- **Collection of phone**

Mobile phone can only be collected from the front administration office by a parent or carer **ONLY**.

- **Repeated confiscation of phone**

Further consequences through Cowra High School discipline procedures.

If a student refuses to comply with the policy and processes as outlined above, they will be subject to appropriate discipline procedures.

Use of digital devices is permitted upon consultation with the school if a student requires a digital device or online service for medical reasons, or for reasonable adjustments made as part of their individual education plan.

Individual requests to exempt a student from the ban from parents, carers or students will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with alternative communication options considered. Exemptions may be granted when required by law, or at the principal's discretion.

Further communication regarding updates to Cowra High School digital device procedures is available on the school website and in the school newsletter. Please contact the school on (02) 6342 1766 or via email cowra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you require further information.