



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 (laptops, tablets and the like) 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 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 procedures on mobile phones:

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

- Mobile phone and/or any other associated device (eg. smart watches / ear pieces - **NOT SEEN / NOT HEARD**)
- Mobile phones may NOT be seen/heard/used at any time.

Mobile phone and/or other associated device **seen and/or heard**

- 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

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 63421766 or via email cowra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you require further information.