



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Rationale

The school acknowledges and accepts that almost every student will have a mobile phone provided to them by their parents for communication, information, entertainment, content, and social interaction.

It has, however, become increasingly concerning for all teachers that mobile phones are a constant source of distraction in classrooms. Since the return from COVID related learning from home, the impact that the mobile phone is having on the learning environment has clearly become an issue at Asquith Boys High School. Staff and student attention is constantly being interrupted and/or taken away from their core business of teaching and learning.

Greater attention and focus on the work being presented in the classroom in every lesson can only have one direct result: a better performing and focused student.

As a direct result of the impact that mobile phones are having on teaching time and the student's ability to focus on the work in the classroom, the following approach has been developed for implementation across Asquith Boys High School.

Classroom Practice

1. Students will be required to turn their phones '**OFF** and **AWAY**' in their bags, before entering every classroom. Posters are displayed on the door and classroom wall.
2. All students will be warned, as a class, at the beginning of the lesson to turn their phones '**OFF** and **AWAY**' in their bags.
3. If a student is seen with their mobile phone during the lesson, they will have their name recorded on Sentral.
4. Reception will call for the student with a **pink coloured** message slip to report directly to Reception, and hand over their mobile phone.
5. Students will be able to collect their mobile phone from Reception at the end of the day.
6. Repeated failure to comply with the mobile phone policy will result in further disciplinary interventions.

Parents

1. Parents needing to contact their sons during the day are requested to contact the school directly.
2. Any urgent message received will be forwarded to the student, without delay.
3. Students will have access to their mobile phones at recess and lunchtime unless they have been required to hand it over to Reception during the day.

Any inappropriate or unacceptable use of mobile phones in relation to the school, will be dealt with under the '**Suspensions and Expulsion of School Students – Procedures 2011**'.