

Mobile Phone Policy

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Policy Statement

Corrigin District High School complies with The Department of Education's *Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy (2020)* which does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose.

Requirements

We are guided by the Department of Education's motto 'Off and Away All Day,' though there are slight differences between groups.

All Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phones must be turned off upon arrival and can only be turned back on after the final siren.• Smartwatches must be in aeroplane mode or equivalent, so messages cannot be sent or received.• Devices found to be turned on or used during the school day, will be confiscated.• Photography and videography on personal devices are strictly forbidden and will result in very serious consequences.
Primary (Kindy to Year 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After being switched off, phones must be handed to the school officer and can be collected after the final siren.
Secondary (Year 7 to Year 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After being switched off, phones may be stored in the child's school bag or locker.• Secondary students may elect to hand their phone to the school officer.
Staff (during student contact time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smartwatches must be in aeroplane mode or equivalent so messages cannot be sent or received.• Phone to be in silent mode and stored in a safe place (pigeon hole, desk or bag).• In the event that a mobile phone is required for safety or communication, permission may be granted by the Principal.
Parents/Guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Exemptions

Parent/guardians and staff may make a request to the Principal for an exemption, for the following reasons:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- for another specified purpose.

Security

Our preference is that mobile phones and handheld devices are not brought to school. Corrigin District High School do not accept responsibility, in the event of loss or damage to personal devices.

Non-Compliance

Breaches of this policy manage breaches of this policy will be dealt with in accordance with the [Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures](#).