



Belmore Boys' High School Mobile Phone Policy

1. Range

This policy while primarily directed towards the use of mobile phones also covers the use of portable computer games, walkmen, ipods, and similar devices.

The staff at Belmore Boys' High School recognises that the presence of mobile phones in schools should not automatically be of concern. Mobile phones are viewed by some of our community as enhancing the security of students travelling to and from school. However the inappropriate use of mobile phones will result in consequences being given to the student.

2. Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use of a mobile phone includes use which:

- disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interferes with the operation of the school
- threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person
- is in breach of the law
- bullies, intimidates or otherwise harasses other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

3. Rules

The following rules apply with respect to mobile phones and other similar devices at Belmore Boys High School:

- Mobile phones should be turned off during classes or in the library. It is not necessary, nor acceptable, for mobile phones to be switched on or used during lessons or study times.
- Mobile phones must not be used inappropriately as defined in section 2 above.
- Mobile phones must not be taken into examinations.
- All contact with home must be done using the schools phone system located in the front office after consultation with a Deputy Principal.
- Courtesy, consideration and respect for others are paramount at all times.

4. Responsibilities

- Mobile phones are brought to, kept and used at school entirely at their **owner's** risk. The School cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use.
- Students and parents should be aware, however, that mobile phones are a target for theft and accordingly, should always be stored kept on their person whilst at school. (Not in school bags)
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the *school's front office* should be used to contact the school to ensure your child is reached quickly, and assisted in the most appropriate way.

Consequences

Students who display or use a mobile phone or other similar device in class will be asked once to turn the device off and put it away. The student at this point is on Level A. If the student fails to comply the student will be referred to the Head Teacher, placed on Level B and the phone will be confiscated. The confiscated phone will be taken to the front office and stored securely. Confiscated phones can be collected from the front office, at the end of the school day.