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Mobile Phone Policy

Government policy no longer permits student use of mobile phones at school. This includes connected devices such as earbuds, headphones, smart watches, laptops and tablets which access the apps on mobile phones.

Students are requested to leave mobile phones at home. If the mobile phone is required for safety on the journey to school, this is permitted if turned-off and secured in the student's bag all day. At 2.40pm, students may check their phones as they depart school for messages from parents and carers.

Students may not access their phones at all whilst on school business. This includes whilst on site, excursions, school sport and any other activity directly related to the school. There are two exceptions to this rule:

1. A pass is available for students from the Deputy Principals in very special circumstances to use their phone under supervision. This option is designed for situations where there is a health requirement, family illness or some very challenging circumstance.

2. Occasionally teachers may ask students to use their mobile phones for learning activities in class or on excursions. Students will be given advance notice, closely supervised and may not use their phone for any other purpose during the activity.

Dapto High is committed to employing technology positively and safely.

Students whose phones are sighted in class or in the playground will be asked 'to get a ticket' from the front office staff. The phone will be stored safely until collected by a parent or carer from the school.

Students who do not follow this rule will be banned from bringing their phones on site. If the issue persists it may result in other consequences as per policy.

Ongoing education that supports good digital citizenship at Dapto High is an essential component of this updated policy. School Police Liaison Officers support students to understand the law and safe practice with social media and mobile technology.

This policy will be reviewed by Term 4 2024.