

What will happen if a student uses a mobile phone without teacher permission during the school day.

1. The student will be reminded of the school policy and asked to put the mobile phone away.
2. The mobile phone may be confiscated by the staff member and returned to the student at the end of the lesson or at the end of the day.
3. If the student refuses to give their mobile phone to the staff member then the school Behaviour Management Plan will be followed and parents may be contacted.
4. If the staff member suspects that there is inappropriate material on the phone then the parent/caregiver will be contacted and asked to collect the phone.

OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND EARPHONES/HEADPONES

1. The use of earphones/headphones in classrooms **is only permitted with the permission of the classroom teacher.**
2. Students are only allowed to use earphones/headphones with a mobile phone with teacher supervision.
3. Students are permitted to use earphones/headphones before school and during breaks but not in conjunction with a mobile phone.
4. If the classroom teacher does not want students to use earphones/headphones then students must obey this instruction.
5. If the student refuses to follow the teacher's instructions, then the school Behaviour Management Plan will be followed.
6. If the staff member suspects that the music etc being played is inappropriate then the student will be instructed to switch it off. Students must comply with this instruction.



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MOBILE PHONES

Parents will be aware of the general concern with inappropriate use of mobile phones at schools. Mobile phones allow children and teens to enter the unregulated public domain. If this is without supervision then it makes young people vulnerable to exposure to inappropriate material, being preyed upon by unknown people and cyber bullying by peers.

Some further points to consider regarding mobile phones are that they:

- **Interfere with learning / home study:**
Students are unable to focus on instructions or study if they are wondering if they have received messages on their phone or if someone is trying to contact them.
- **Can expose students to pornographic material (this is illegal):**
Bluetooth devices allow videos and pictures to be sent even if they are not wanted. Students can access non filtered websites via their mobile phones.
- **Are an ideal tool for cyber bullying:**
Students may receive disturbing messages from fellow students.

Students may 'borrow' another's phone to send hurtful messages, getting the owner of the phone into trouble.
- **Interfere with sleep:**
Students may be using their phones to text and call when they should be sleeping – they come to school tired and sleep deprived making it hard to concentrate.

Students are discouraged from bringing their mobile phone to school.

However, if a student chooses to bring a mobile phone to school, then:

Student Mobile Phones MUST be switched off and out of sight between 8.50am (first siren of the day) and 3.05pm (final siren of the day).

Students are not permitted to use a mobile phone between 8.50am and 3.05pm. This includes during class time, between classes and during Break 1 & 2. The only exception to this is if students are allowed by the classroom teacher to use their mobile phone as part of the teaching and learning program.

North Albany Senior High School takes no responsibility for the theft and/or damage of student mobile phones or electronic devices.

If a student breaches this Policy it may result in their mobile phone being confiscated. If it is confiscated, the phone will need to be collected by the student from either the teacher or the Coordinator of Information & Communication Technology (Mr Spurgeon) or the Deputy Principal at the end of the day. In some circumstances the mobile phone may only be released to a parent.

If a student consistently breaks the rules for mobile phone usage at North Albany Senior High School it will be regarded as a serious breach of the school Behaviour Management Plan.

How can parents help with Mobile Phone?

Parents can do a lot to support appropriate use of mobile phones. Please consider carefully why your child needs to have a mobile phone at school. Unless it is vital, have them leave their phone at home. Other support would include:

- Reinforcing our school policy on mobile phones, electronic devices & earphones with your child.
- Being willing to attend interviews at school if your child is involved in a phone related incident.
- At home - have your child hand their phone in at night – return it in the morning.
- Talk to your child about the risks of inappropriate use of mobile phones.
- Talk to your child about what to do if they receive inappropriate material on their phone – do not delete it, keep it as evidence.
- Vigilantly monitor phone use and content.
- Ensure your child does not have access to a 2nd or 3rd phone or SIM card.

We thank parents for your cooperation and support.

For further information please contact Ian Spurgeon (ICT Coordinator) at NASHS on 9892 0611.

