



CELLPHONE POLICY

Use of electronic devices by students

Definition:

Cell phones are banned at Whangārei Boys' High School as per the Government introduced regulations 2024. This policy also covers headphones. Other electronic devices such as tablets, ipads, notebooks, netbooks, laptops or similar devices are to be used for education purposes only at the direction of the teacher.

1.0 Scope

- 1.1 This policy is intended to set out procedures for all teachers and students to follow and expectations regarding the use of phones at school, as well as consequences for misuse.
- 1.2 Phones have the potential to cause disruption in the classroom, by interruption of the lesson and promoting off-task behaviour by individual students. At intervals and lunchtime banning phones will encourage physical activity and reduce the unpleasant behaviour related to mobile phone use.

2.0 Guidelines

- 2.1 The school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage of phones at school.
- 2.2 Ear/headphones unless used in relation to set work, will also be confiscated if seen in class.
- 2.3 Defiance and or conflict over handing in a mobile phone or ear /headphones will not be accepted.
- 2.4 In the event of a breach of these procedures by a student:
 - The device will be confiscated and stored by the teacher until the end of the class or lunchtime or interval.
 - A second confiscation will result in it being stored by the teacher until the end of the day.
 - A third confiscation will result in the phone/headphones being stored by the Year Level Deputy Principal and a parent called to come in and collect it.
 - If the student refuses to hand over the device, Senior Leaders will be informed and organise confiscation of the device. It will be stored in the office.
 - Continued phone misuse will result in a meeting with the primary caregiver(s) and may result in a stand-down.



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Related policies:

Safe Schools
Behaviour management
Health and Safety
ICT

References or Sources:

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
Education and Training Act 2020

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