



# BSHS Mobile Phone Policy

## Phones Away for the Day

From the beginning of Term 1 2024, all Queensland state school students must keep their mobile phones switched off and 'away for the day' during school hours. Brisbane State High School is committed to implementing Education Queensland's 'Away for the Day' mobile phone policy. Implementation of this policy is to maximise student learning time without distraction.

Personal mobile phones and digital devices are required to be kept out of sight at all times throughout the school day on school premises. Notifications on wearable devices, such as smart watches, must be switched off so that phone calls, messages and other notifications cannot be sent or received during school hours. If a student is required to contact their parent/guardian, they are permitted to do so through Student Reception. In case of emergency, illness or other factors relating to a student, Brisbane State High School staff will ensure contact is made and the necessary arrangements are coordinated.

### PERSONAL MOBILE AND DIGITAL DEVICES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

Mobile Phones	Media Players
Headphones/ Earphones	Portable Speakers
iPods/MP3 Players	Unapproved Tablets
Cameras	Voice Recorders

**SMART WATCHES MUST BE SWITCHED TO "DO NOT DISTURB"**

### BREACH OF POLICY

- If a mobile phone or digital device is not off and out of sight, a staff member will instruct the student to take the phone to either B or H Block Reception. The device will be locked away for the day and collected at the end of the school day.
- If a student refuses to hand their device in, the student will receive a consequence as in alignment with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Continual breaches will result in student disciplinary action.

### EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY

- Personal mobile and digital devices must not be visible at any time (including break times) inside the school premises.
- Personal earphones/headphones must not be visible at any time unless permitted by the teacher with iPads in classrooms.
- Hotspot use not permitted at any time.

### EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Students with extenuating circumstances who require a device for medical reasons or other needs must speak to their Head of Year or Year Level Deputy. The process for use will be established on an individual basis. A student will be issued with a pass stating the requirements of use.