



ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

While St Johns Park High School acknowledges the benefits of using various forms of appropriate technology to support teaching and learning, the NSW Government has announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW High Schools commencing in **Term 4, 2023**. The new system is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to also promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

Incoming Changes for Term 4:

- Mobile devices (phone and ear devices) **will not** be allowed to be used during school hours, including break times such as Break 1, Break 2, Transitions as well as during school excursions.
- Phones will not be able to be used for payment at the canteen and therefore, students will need to organise a debit or credit card for any electronic payment. Cash is also accepted.
- Parents and carers will always be able to contact students in an emergency via our school contact number: **(02) 9610 8035**
- Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school.
- School staff **can allow students** to use their mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, for their wellbeing or to support students with specific needs.
- Individual student requests for exemption will be assessed and considered by the school for medical and learning needs.

Considerations for exemption

If you have concerns about your child not having access to a mobile phone, we would be happy to discuss this further with you. Students with special needs, including medical and learning needs, may apply for an exemption. **These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.**

If you believe your child requires a mobile phone exemption, please complete an 'Application for Exemption Form' and submit with required documentation to the Administration Office. Principals will manage requests for exemption. They will be granted in consultation with teachers, students and families, and require an application and agreed implementation plan, which will be completed during this consultation process.

The SJPHS Executive Team are currently working on amending the existing Mobile Phone Policy to adhere with the incoming requirements of the NSW Government and will provide this to all families once it is complete.

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Sincerely,

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