Mobile Phone Policy & More Information

USEFUL LINKS

GSSC's policy around mobile phones is straightforward: *if brought to school, they must be switched off and stored securely during the school day*. At GSSC, we prefer students not bring mobile phones to school at all.

So it's simple - switch off, store or leave at home.

The reasons why GSSC and public schools across every state and territory have such policies in place is because we want students to switch off, so they are switched on at school. Here are useful links for those wanting more information:

Policy & Procedure

- <u>Victorian Mobile Phone Policy</u> outlines the requirements of the Minister of Education relating to student use of mobile phones at school.
- <u>GSSC Mobile Phone Policy</u> outlines the restrictions relating to student use of mobile phones at Greater Shepparton Secondary College.

Research & Wellbeing

• <u>Summary of Research</u> includes articles on mobile phone bans and their positive impact on classroom learning. There are also studies on the negative impact of mobile phone use on cognitive thinking, awareness and the regulation of emotion.

Family Support

- <u>The eSafety Commissioner</u> has resources, advice and links to services to guide parents and carers and help young people stay safe online, including:
- Screen time for your child details seven tips to balancing life online and offline.
- Online safety is a guide aimed at parents and carers.

Information in Other Languages

<u>Arabic</u>

Dari Sinhalese

Hazaragi Tamil

Hindi Turkish

<u>Samoan</u> <u>Urdu</u>

Simplified Chinese Vietnamese