



NZ SCHOOLS CELL PHONE BAN

In line with the current government's decision to ban cell phones in schools, Whangaroa College will introduce the cell phone ban at the beginning of the school academic year beginning on the 5th February 2024.

Cell phones are not permitted to be used by students throughout the day.

Parents can contact students via the main office.

Students can use the phone in the main office to contact parents in an emergency.

Exceptions for students with medical conditions or special circumstances will be permitted.

For an exception to the cell phone ban please phone the main office on 09 4050 199 and make an appointment to discuss your request with the principal.

NATIONAL: School Cell phone ban

CELL PHONE BAN PROCEDURE

- If you arrive at school with a cell phone you must hand the cell phone to office staff in the main office as soon as you arrive at school.
- Office staff will place the cell phone in a secure area.
- Cell Phones must be turned off when they are handed into the main office
- All cell phones handed into the office will be returned at the end of the day from the office.
- Only the person who handed the cell phone to office staff will be allowed to retrieve the cell phone at bus lines.
- Do not ask any other student to pick up your cell phone.

BREACHING THE CELL PHONE BAN

- Any student who is caught with a cell phone at school during the school day or on any school activity will have their cell phone confiscated and it will be placed in the main office or secured by the teacher in charge of the activity. Your parents/caregivers will be contacted by the DSE and informed that you are in breach of the cell phone ban and your cell phone has been confiscated. The DSE will keep a record of all incidents.
- If you are caught a second time, the cell phone will be confiscated and only your parents/caregivers can pick up the cell phone from the school.
- If you are caught for a third time in breach of the cell phone ban then the normal school discipline process will be followed for continual defiance.