



## **Mobile Phone Exemption Application**

Dear parents, caregivers and students,

You may have heard recently about the changes to the use of mobile phones in NSW high schools beginning in Term 4, 2023.

Lambton High School acknowledges the benefits of using various forms of appropriate technology to support teaching and learning. Whilst this may minimise the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school, we also recognise that incorrect use may cause harm. We are committed to supporting our students to use technology in a safe, responsible and respectful way, to enhance student learning and engagement.

There are important changes coming in Term 4, which will impact all students.

### **Important changes coming in Term 4**

- Mobile phones **will not** be used during school hours, including break times such as lunch and recess, as well as during school excursions. However, you will always be able to contact your child in an emergency.
- 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, 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.

Please complete the form on the following page and return it to the school office via email or hard copy for consideration.

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.

We look forward to working with you to implement these changes in our school.

Sincerely,

**Darren Mitten**  
Principal (relieving)



# LAMBTON HIGH SCHOOL

## Application for Mobile Phone Exemption

Parents/Carers and students wishing to apply for an exemption, will need to complete the following form and return it to the school office to be considered by the principal. If needed the principal will contact you to discuss your consideration and outline reasons why the exemption has or has not been granted.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Outline the health or wellbeing reason requiring this exemption.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email completed form to: [lambton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lambton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Attention Principal