

Student Use of Cellphones at Target Education

Under a Government initiative to improve students' learning, national regulations now state that **cellphones are not allowed to be used at any school in Aotearoa New Zealand.**

OUR POLICY

Te Hikoi and Target Education are obliged to follow the national directive, and so from **1st April 2024 onwards, student cellphones are banned during school time.** This means that students may not bring cellphones into the vans or into Course or Trades.

As all students have access to a Chromebook for their schoolwork during the day, the use of cellphones for learning is not necessary. We are also supporting our rangatahi to grow social skills, and removing cellphones reduces the opportunity for online harm.

Parent/Caregiver and Student Responsibilities

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their young person urgently during the day, they must call the Target Education office on 0800 224 336, the Te Hikoi office on 0800 270 806, or the student's tutor.

If a student brings a cellphone or personal digital device to Course, the following applies:

- Cellphones will be collected by the Tutor and only given back to the student at the end of the day.
- Te Hikoi and Target Education do not accept any responsibility for cellphones brought to Course – any phones brought in against this policy will be held at the student's own risk.

To ensure learning happens appropriately, students are expected to ensure their allocated Chromebook at Target is in working order and is left charging at the end of every day.

School trips and EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom)

Students may not take cellphones or digital devices on out-of-school trips or activities – these must be left at home. If brought they will be immediately confiscated, and returned when the student is dropped off at home. Te Hikoi and Target Education do not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur in this situation.

***Thank you for your understanding –
the learning, development and wellbeing of our rangatahi is our top priority.***