

Cell Phone Policy

(Effective from the beginning of Term Two, Monday 29th April, 2024)

Tamatea High School does not allow cell phones to be used during the school day.

If phones are required before or after school, students must keep phones in their school bag. Cell phones are not permitted in pockets or sling bags. If a student does not have a school bag, they must drop their phone to the Office prior to the school day starting at 8:55am. Cell phones in school bags must be switched off for the entire school day (8:55am - 3:15pm), including break times.

Teachers are not allowed to give permission for phone use.

There is to be no charging phones at school.

If a student needs to leave the classroom for any reason, then the phone is to be left in the school bag in the classroom.

The school does not accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any phone brought into the school.

If a phone is seen during the school day, the following will occur:

- The teacher will ask the student to take the phone to the Office.
- This will be recorded against the student's name on KAMAR.
- The student's whānau will receive a notification of the phone violation.
- The phone will be held securely in the office until a caregiver picks it up.

Any further violations will result in a hui between the caregiver, student and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Ongoing violations will be dealt with as Continual Disobedience and may become a disciplinary matter.

Exemptions:

Students with specific health needs may apply for an exemption that will allow them to carry their phone with them in special circumstances. Students applying for this will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the principal, and exemptions could be long or short-term. An exemption card will be provided to be kept in the phone, and a register kept in the school office. Students with exemptions will be permitted to charge their phone at school if required, in the office.