### 19 May 2023 - meeting 1:

### Ministerial Student Advisory Council

**19 May 2023, Brisbane**

**Mobile Phones in Schools**

* Most schools **restrict use of mobile phones** but allow students to bring them to school.
	+ The phone:
		- Stays in a bag/locker
		- Can be used before/after school & 10 minutes at lunch or are put in locked pouches
		- During class not allowed to use it.
* **PA Announcements for when you can and can’t use them**
* **Some schools are more relaxed**
* Not all students comply
	+ Caught – confiscated
	+ In senior teachers trust us
	+ Juniors – stricter rules

**Laptops**

* **Phone use** is obvious; but laptops can disguise – banned use
* **We need phones as a learning tool we rely on our hotspot**
* **MacBooks don’t connect in some locations**
* **Phones/iPads are very distracting but need them**
	+ **Emergencies**
	+ **Access to learning**
	+ **Hotspot**
* **Socially? Phones can prompt conversation**
* **What about Bans?**
	+ Bans stop bad social media, e.g., fights being filmed
	+ People find ways to get around bans.
* **Should we ban phones in schools?**
	+ **No**
* AI?
	+ Need to learn to work with it.

**Generative AI**

* **With Integrity**, AI can:
	+ Help guide and speed up research.
	+ Condense notes from lecture
	+ Be a good learning tool
	+ help find information.
	+ Help teachers (e.g., lesson plan)
* **Unethical Use:**
	+ Producing a whole assignment (but teachers pick it up)
	+ **Plagiarism - e**asily caught but original work can also get “caught”
	+ It makes errors when not updated – not reliable or appropriate
* Everyone is talking about it
* We need education
	+ On ethical/unethical use
	+ Pitfalls to look out for
	+ Governance

**Virtual Learning and the Queensland Virtual Learning Academy**

* FNQ & the Cape, remote & rural areas**: Virtual learning is SO important, providing much greater access to education**
	+ **Access options** choice.
* In rural schools with limited access to STEM expertise
* School of Distance Ed
* Can foster flexibility and acceleration
* **Specialist Learning fosters inclusion e.g., access to Aboriginal & Torres Strat Islander studies**
* **Choice for rural and remote students some can’t afford boarding school**
* **Second option for students who miss the class**

**It doesn’t replace the in-person classroom, but complements it**

* **Beamed out from a classroom**
* **Some of us need face to face connection**