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### Ministerial Student Advisory Council

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Meanjin (Brisbane)

### Away for the Day: Mobile Phone Policy

* **Since January 2024**: Phone use is restricted during school hours and smart watch notifications are turned off.

### Policy Implementation Benefits

**Behaviour and Interaction:**

* Students are engaging more positively with each other.
* There is less conflict.
* Students are playing games to stay active during breaks.

**Transitions Between Classes:**

* Less distraction.
* Students are more focused at the start of a lesson.

**Performing Arts**

* Groups have become bigger.
* Facilities are better utilised.

**Increased Sports Activity**

* Large student take-up of lunchtime sports.
* Students run to get a racquet instead of reaching for their phones.
* Sporting teams have grown
* New types of sports have started (e.g., AFL teams).

### Ideas for Overcoming Challenges

* **Outreach to Parents/Carers** to ensure everyone understands the policy and the reasons for it.
* **Increased Access to Online Resources** for subjects like music, may bridge the gap of some of the perceived gaps.
* **Managers at Part-Time Jobs may** need to better understand the policy and factor in more lead time to plan rosters.
* **Optimised Security** where phones and bags are stored will help everyone.
* **Students Who Live Far from the School** may need consideration to be able to communicate in a timely manner about practical issues with parents/carers.
* **Staying Abreast of Rapidly Evolving Technology** that skips the need for a physical phone is important.