



MOBILE PHONES

Rationale

The proliferation and popularity of mobile phones has seen the need for the College to acknowledge the use of these items by students including the use of these devices in the delivery of the curriculum. No electronic device is to be used in a manner to disrupt the learning environment. Students will have the privilege to bring their mobile telephones to school as outlined in the guidelines that follow. With this privilege comes the responsibility of meeting the expectations of the College in a mature manner.

- Students may bring their own mobile telephone to school and keep it on their person-the College is not responsible for these phones.
- **Students must have their mobile telephone switched “off” at all times, except when under the direction of staff.**
- Students may use their telephone in class in the formal delivery of the curriculum only at the direction and under the immediate supervision of their normal class teacher.
- Mobile telephones are not permitted to be used on the way to or at sport, particularly for Workplace, Health and Safety reasons.
- Students are advised that, as using mobile telephones are inherently distracting and can limit personal safety, care should be taken whilst travelling to and from school, particularly when in traffic, walking or riding. When driving to school, senior students are reminded that using a mobile telephone whilst operating a vehicle is illegal.
- The College accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping of students’ mobile telephones - students are advised to ensure they clearly label and / or engrave their property to ensure safekeeping. The College recommends that students keep these items on their person.
- Students are advised to record the serial number of their mobile telephone and use a security code to limit the possibility of theft or improper use of their mobile telephone.
- Students who fail to meet these expectations will have their mobile telephone confiscated for the day and given to the Year Coordinator in the first instance and will also be issued a detention. On any subsequent occasion the phone would need to be retrieved by their parent from the Year Coordinator, Pastoral Care Coordinator or Assistant Principal. Further instances and consequences would include, further detentions, signing the phone in and out of the front office, other appropriate sanctions, parental retrieval and loss of the privilege of having a mobile telephone at school on their person.
- Mobile telephones when brought on school camps or retreats must be used in accordance with the school based policy and this includes that no photo or video images are taken.
- Students are reminded that significant consequences can result both from school and the police if mobile telephone technology is used in a bullying, harassing or discriminating way.
- Technological advancements may require the Principal to act in accordance, based on the intent of this policy.