

Mobile Devices Policy

Mobile/smart phones, various media players, and other personal electronic devices are effective and common forms of communication and leisure, especially amongst young people. They can provide families and students with the ability to easily communicate information and maybe particularly useful when unforeseen circumstances occur. However, these devices can also be disruptive and negatively impact learning outcomes within classes. These devices can also be used in a harassing or bullying manner and therefore the college does not consider it appropriate for students to use mobile phones, various media players, and other personal electronic devices at school for recreational or social interaction.

It is widely recognised that the constant use of mobile phones and other personal multimedia devices can also prevent students from engaging in face-to-face social interaction and therefore inhibit their social and emotional development.

Parents and guardians should not, under normal circumstances, contact students during school time using mobile phones or other personal devices. A call to the K-6 or 7-10 Office will ensure that any important message can get to students immediately by office staff and at least by the end of the day for non-urgent messages.

Years 7-10

The College takes no responsibility for the safety or security of any personal electronic devices when brought onto college grounds. School provided laptops are exempt from this agreement. In the event that personal electronic devices are brought onto college grounds, devices should be registered and left with the 7 -10 office at the beginning of the day and then collected again at the end of the day.

Electronic devices must be switched off and not used for any reason throughout the day. In the event of an emergency or situation that requires personal parent contact, a College phone will be made available.

If electronic devices such as mobile phones or personal media players are used during school hours, they will be immediately confiscated and held until the end of the day. Furthermore, for a period of no less than two weeks, the student will be required to submit the electronic device to the school office at the beginning of the day and may collect it at the end of the day. The student will also be issued with an afterschool detention. Further disciplinary action may be taken should the student re-offend.

Kindergarten – Year 6

Prep – Year 4 students must hand their mobile phone and/or other electronic devices into the K-6 Office at the beginning of each day. Year 5 and 6 students must hand their mobile phone and/or other electronic devices to their Class Teachers at the beginning of each day. If any electronic devices are used during school hours, disciplinary action will be taken.