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# STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES

## POLICY

The expectation of limited use by students of their mobile phone has its basis in the mental health and wellbeing of all students. The benefits of students not accessing their phone during the school day will prevent a number of negative aspects seen with excessive use of a mobile phone, including anxiety, online bullying, social disconnection, lack of academic focus and mindful purpose.

The procedures and breaches of the mobile phone use will be the same for all students with one exception; see \*.

### Procedure

The School expects that all students place their mobile phone in their School bag for Primary School students and in their locker for Middle and Senior School students, upon entry to the School and for the duration of the day.

Students should not have their phone on their person or take it to any class, including Academic Tutorials.

### Student Misuse of a Mobile Phone

The consequences of a breach of the School's expectations of student use of their mobile phone will be consistent for all students. Students who misuse their phone during the day will have their phone confiscated, with the escalated levels of consequences, below.

#### Level 1

The student's phone is confiscated as a result of misuse of the phone. An infringement will be recorded in iWise by the teacher who has confiscated the phone. The teacher who has confiscated the phone will hand the phone to the relevant Sub-School Reception, where it will be placed in a named zip lock bag and stored securely. At the end of the day, the student will collect their phone.

#### Level 2

Any subsequent confiscation will repeat the process outlined in Level 1. Additionally, the relevant Sub-School Reception will contact the student's parent/s.

#### Level 3

A third misuse of their phone by the student will result in the student being placed on a Monitored Contract for five school days. The student will hand their phone for safekeeping at the relevant Sub-School Reception at the start of each day for the duration of the Monitored Contract.

#### Level 4

Any further confiscations will require the student and their parent to have a meeting at the School.

Note: The consequence of the refusal by a student to hand their phone to the teacher will automatically escalate the student to Level 3.

\* Senior School students may only access their phone briefly to check messages whilst standing in front of their locker at the start of recess and lunch.