



# Mobile Phone Policy

## 1 Rationale

The increased ownership of mobile phones requires the College to have rules to ensure mobile phones are used responsibly by students. The College aims to minimise student dependence on phones and to maximise face-to-face interactions in a world that is becoming more reliant on technology.

## 2 Application

This policy has been designed to ensure that all students can build quality relationships and concentrate on their learning without interruption, while at the same time ensuring the benefits that mobile phones provide such as increased safety. The College accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child as quickly as possible.

During school hours, it would be highly unusual for a parent to need to make urgent contact with their son. Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school should be contacted (Student Services - 3214 5269). The office staff will ensure your son is reached as quickly as possible and will assist in any appropriate way.

## 3 Policy Statement

Upon arrival at school, students are expected to secure their phone in their locker. Phones are to remain in lockers until the student is departing the College.

If there is a genuine need to use the phone for an important reason such as parental contact, the student is required to ask a member of staff for permission. If it is a reasonable request, the student will be given permission to quickly use the phone or ask Student Services.

### Capturing of Pictures or Sound

Students are not to photograph other students or teachers or record their voice or actions. This includes the use of mobile phones, laptops and other devices that have this capacity. This is a serious matter that has legal implications.

Students may only use school approved cameras to record images and sound as part of their course work or other approved school activities that may include excursions, sporting events and with the specific approval of and under the direct supervision of staff. It is illegal to record or photograph staff/students/personnel without their specific permission.

Students with mobile phones may not engage in personal attacks, harass or post private information about another person using SMS, social media, photographs, video, phone calls or by any other method. Students using mobile phones to bully others will be called to account for their actions.

### Theft or Damage

The school takes no responsibility for the safe-keeping and security of mobile phones. Any student who brings a phone to school has total responsibility for looking after the phone. This being said, any student found to steal a mobile phone will face significant consequences. Mobile phones that are found in the school and whose owner cannot be located should be handed in to Student Services.

## 4 Consequences

Any student in breach of the above expectations will have his phone confiscated by a staff member and handed to Student Services who will notify his House Dean. Phones can usually be collected at the end of the school day if it is simply a first instance of using the phone without permission. For repeat offences or more serious breaches, the phone will be confiscated and further consequences will apply.

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