MOBILE PHONES

POLICY

Rationale:
- Mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool. They can, however, easily be improperly used, and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:
- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:
- The school will purchase and maintain enough mobile telephones and service contracts to satisfy its needs.
- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school’s mobile phones accompany each trip.
- Students are encouraged to have personal mobile phones when travelling to and from school.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- Mobile phones and students using them must not cause disruptions to classes or individuals, and must not cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school.
- Students misusing personal mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal may revoke student’s privilege of possession of mobile phones whilst at school.
- If breaches of mobile phones is found to be occurring during school hours the following will be enacted –
  1. All mobile phones will be handed to home room teacher at 9am
  2. All mobile phones will be placed in a named envelope and placed in locked box in office by teacher
  3. A meeting with parent/guardian will be arranged by principal for any student who refuses to hand in their mobile
  4. Staff member will return all mobile phones at home time
  5. Students will be permitted to have their mobile when on school excursions, VET courses
  6. Students will be exempted from the above if permission from the principal has been successfully sought by parents who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone during school hours.
- Mobile phones owned by students and staff are brought to school at their own risk.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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References: Circular 179/2005 – Use of Mobile Phones by Students

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