

College Policies and Procedures

MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

RATIONALE

The proliferation and popularity of mobile phones and other electronic devices has seen the need for the College to acknowledge the use of these items by students and to foreshadow the use of these devices in the delivery of the curriculum. Students will have the privilege to bring their mobile telephones and other electronic devices 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.

RULES:

We acknowledge the use of mobile phones, iPods and other electronic devices is widely accepted in today's society – we understand for reasons of safety outside of school hours, students may be required to carry a mobile phone.

1. Phones are not to disturb learning.
2. Mobile phones or any electronic device are not to be brought into any examinations or assessment tasks.
3. Students may use their device in class in the formal delivery of the curriculum only at the discretion and under the immediate supervision of their normal class teacher.
4. Mobile telephones are not permitted to be used on the way to or at sport, particularly for Workplace, Health and Safety reasons.
5. The College will accept no responsibility for the loss or damage of mobile phones.
6. Students in breach of any of the above conditions will have their phone confiscated - the mobile phone will need to be collected from the Assistant Principal.
7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices may only be used under the direction of a teacher.

OTHER GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Students who need to contact their parents may do so via the office or having asked teacher permission to use their phone
2. Students are advised that, as using mobile telephones or other electronic equipment is inherently distracting and can limit personal safety, care should be taken whilst travelling to and from school, particularly when in traffic, walking or riding
3. 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
4. Students are advised to record the serial number of their mobile devices and other electronic equipment and use a security code to limit the possibility of theft or improper use of their mobile telephone
5. 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 discriminatory way
6. Students are reminded that the posting of images that have been recorded on a personal device and then posted on public sites such as the internet, can also have significant legal and personal consequences
7. Technological advancements may require the Principal to act in accordance, based on the intent of this policy