



Student Mobile Phone Usage Policy



Purpose :

- Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Implementation:

- During school hours (9am – 3:30pm) mobile phones will be switched off and kept in student bags and will not be used during recess and lunchtimes.
- Students are not to use their mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher in Charge. This will be at the teacher's discretion.
- Use of mobile phones is restricted to calls and SMS only upon permission of teacher in charge. Mobile phones should not be used at school for any kind of internet access, sharing or app interaction as this usage is unable to be monitored or restricted by the technical infrastructure of the school.
- Mobile phones may not be taken on school excursion, camps or sport events unless specific permission is given for the purpose of using the mobile device to record photos or videos for subsequent classroom or school use.
- Students misusing mobile phones at school will be brought to the attention of the principal.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school.
- During school hours, all incoming communication for students needs to be made via our school reception
- Mobile phones owned by students are brought to school at their own risk. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- At the beginning of each school year teachers will make students aware of this policy with the relevant age group.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle or before as appropriate.

Status:

Ratified September 2015