



Student Mobile Phone Policy

Policy Name: School Student Phone Policy
Date approved: February 2024 by Senior Management Team
To be reviewed: Annually

Rationale:

The growth of technology, and its role in education for the 21st Century Student, has been very exciting but also very challenging. Students are faced with more distractions than ever before and are struggling to maintain focus and concentration, manage impulsivity and avoid distraction. It is the role of the School to help support them to develop as successful learners.

Policy:

From January 2024:

Kindergarten – Year 6

- Students in Junior School do not require mobile phones or wearable devices as all parent-child communication during school hours goes through Junior School Reception or the classroom teacher.
- If there are circumstances requiring a student to bring a mobile phone to school, parents must liaise with the classroom teacher at the start of the school year. In these instances, the phone is handed to the classroom teacher at the beginning of each day and collected at the end of the day.
- Students cannot use the phone or wearable device onsite, including bus bays, drop n go, the playground or at before and after school activities unless instructed to do so by a teacher.
- Students are not permitted to take images of any person without their permission, and they should not be in School uniform.
- If a student chooses to ignore the school policy, the phone will be confiscated, and parents contacted.
- The school will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the phone.

Years 7–12

- To support students' learning and positive wellbeing, students in Years 7 – 12 are not permitted to have a mobile phone on their person during the school day. Similarly, the use of smart watches or other wearable devices for communication, social media and entertainment is not permitted.
- Students are not permitted to wear earphones or earbuds during the school day.
- Teachers reserve the right to allow students to bring their mobile phone to specific lessons for use for learning purposes. Teachers will inform students when a mobile phone may be brought to a lesson. Mobile phones are to be returned to lockers immediately after the lesson.
- Mobile phones are not permitted for making purchases at the school canteen or school shop. Students have the option of using cash or EFTPOS card. Canteen pre-orders can be made using the Flexischools app.
- If, in an emergency, a student needs to contact a parent or a parent needs to contact their child during the school day, this contact can be made via email or the reception office.
- Students who require their phone on their person for medical purposes will be given an exemption card, which they are to keep with their phone. A list of students with an approved exemption will be circulated to staff. Arrangements are to be made with the Head of Senior School.
- If students bring a mobile phone to school, the phone must be switched off and locked in the student's locker throughout the school day. Students may only briefly check their mobile phone at their locker at the start of recess or lunch, with the permission of their Head Mentor.
- The school will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to a student's mobile phone.
- If a student does not adhere to the school policy and is found to have a mobile phone on their person at school, the phone will be immediately confiscated, and the student will incur a 1-hour Friday afternoon detention. Repeated infringements will result in escalation to 3-hour Saturday detention.
- Confiscated phones will be passed on to the Head of Senior School office and can only be collected at the end of the school day.
- Head Mentors will keep a record of any student who has their phone confiscated. Should this happen repeatedly, parents will be called to discuss the matter.