STUDENT MOBILE PHONE USE POLICY

The use of mobile telephones is becoming more and more common place. This is not a problem in many respects of daily life and in fact has often helped ensure a more productive work environment.

In the school environment, however, this is not the case with many students using the functions on the phone as a source of distraction from their studies and the studies of other students. As a result:

- Students will not be permitted to bring personal mobile phones to school.
- A facility is made available for all students to make emergency calls home from the front office and for messages to be relayed to students from home.
- In non-emergency situations students may be able to access phones via the front office with approval from the Principal.
- In certain circumstances students may be required to have a personal mobile phone for after school use. In this case, a student will need to bring a note from home explaining the need for the phone and to deposit the phone with the front office before school. The phone will be kept in safe storage and will be available for picking up at the end of the day.
- Other than this, any student found with a personal mobile phone at school will be required to hand the phone over to a member of staff on request.
- Their phone will be available for pick up from the front office after the final siren at the end of the day and only after parent contact has been made by a Deputy Principal or the Principal.
- The school community will be advised of this policy through a letter and in the school prospectus.

This course of action has been endorsed by the School Council.

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