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## **MOBILE PHONES and PERSONAL DEVICES**

The increased ownership of mobile phones and personal devices requires the school to have rules to ensure that such devices are used responsibly by our students. Our school rules state that mobile phones and personal devices must be switched off and left in student bags during and between lessons unless they are instructed by their teachers that they can be used in class for educational purposes.

This rule is intended to ensure that all students can concentrate on their learning without any interruptions while at the same time ensuring the benefits that mobile phones provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by our students.

The school accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child when they are travelling to and from school.

### **Acceptable Uses**

- Mobile phones and personal devices must be switched off and left in bags during and between lessons.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school should be contacted (89502500) rather than calling or texting your child directly as this may cause disruption to your child's class. The office staff will ensure your child is reached as quickly as possible and will assist in any appropriate way.
- Students may request to use their phone as a tool to support their course work or other approved school activities that may include excursions, sporting events and with the specific approval of and under the direct supervision of the class teacher.

### **Unacceptable Uses**

- Mobile phones and personal devices should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, record audio, and take photographs / videos or any other application during and between lessons.
- Mobile phones and personal devices should not disrupt classroom lessons by ringing, beeping or vibrating.
- Mobile phones and personal devices may not be used to audio record, video or photograph any person at school without their prior consent.
- It is illegal to record or photograph staff/students/personnel without their specific permission



**Consequences**

- Failure to comply with the acceptable uses will result in the student being directed to take their phone/device to the Front Office, where it will be stored for the remainder of the school day. The phone/device will be available to be picked up after school. If a student repeatedly uses their phone inappropriately, the phone / device will be confiscated and parents will be contacted by the appropriate year level coordinator to pick up the phone and to discuss any possible suspension.

**Theft or Damage**

- Mobile phones and personal devices that are found in the school and whose owner cannot be located should be handed in to the Front Office.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones and personal devices.



I agree to the terms of this policy and support all to adhere to it.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Home group teacher: \_\_\_\_\_