



Communication Devices (Mobile Phones) Policy 2016.

Rationale:

- Communication devices (mobile phones) are important devices that many parents use as a security tool for students whilst travelling to and from school. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed. Due to the rollout of 1:1 SLD and BYOD programs mobile phones are no longer seen as essential in the provision of a contemporary and relevant education program.

Aims:

- To appropriately utilise the benefits of communication devices whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause in the college environment.

Implementation:

- Communication devices, including mobile Phones and iPods (or similar) are allowed in the College but must not be taken to class without explicit permission from the Principal of the College.
- With regard to the safety and security of these devices (if they are brought to school) the owner onus rule applies in all circumstances.
- These devices can be used by students before school, recess, lunch and after school.
- At all other times (including during all regular classes) these devices must be set on silent or turned off and stored in a secure (locked) storage space issued to each student - student locker. Where appropriate, teachers will indicate to parents via appropriate documentation that mobile phones are allowed to be used on school excursions.
- The use of these devices as a teaching tool must be authorized by the Principal of the College and will only be granted on a short term period by period basis where sufficient justification has been provided. If permission is granted for the use of these devices in a particular class for a particular period of time, the responsibility for their correct educational use rests with the teacher in charge of the class. Students, who misuse these devices during approved class time will have them confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.
- Repeat offences will result in further confiscation with parent/guardian needing to come and collect the devices from the College.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Board on

21st March 2016