



Mobile Phone Policy - Students

RATIONALE

With increasing use of mobile phones, there is a necessity for an understanding of what is and what is not appropriate in the school setting.

The purpose of this document is to ensure student's privacy is respected and to ensure that the use of mobile phones does not affect teaching and learning and the good management of the school.

The following statements are applicable to all members of the school community whilst they are on campus.

Staff and students (through the Student Council) support the etiquette guidelines below.

Mobile Phones at School

Student use of mobile phones at school is an issue throughout the state. While mobiles are permitted at school, it is strongly suggested that parents should not allow their child to bring one to school unless there is a very compelling reason to do so. In cases of emergency, students have access to a telephone in the front office. If a student brings a mobile phone to school, they must give it to their classroom teacher and sign it in and out each day.

Under no circumstances will the school accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to a student's mobile.

Under no circumstances will the school allow students to use their mobile phones as recording devices at school (photo, movie or voice)

An abbreviated version of the *Mobile Phone Etiquette Statement* is given below.

Mobile Phone Etiquette

Mobile Phones ...

- Must be handed to the classroom teacher and signed in and out each day.
- Should not be turned on to receive or send calls or text messages during the class time or at meetings.
- Should only be used during school hours out of class or meeting time when it is absolutely necessary (staff)
- Mobile phones must not be used on the site to record any film footage, photos or conversations,

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