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## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The College recognises that many students bring their mobile phones to school for a number of valid reasons.

As a regional school, the College recognises that access to a mobile phone may be an important means of ensuring necessary contact with parents/guardians in some circumstances.

For the purposes of this policy, use of the phone includes the following:

- Receiving or making calls
- Receiving or sending text messages or the like
- Using the MP3 function
- Using the camera or video function
- Having active alerts or alarms enabled

Therefore students are permitted to bring mobile phones onto the campus under the following conditions:

- Phone security is the responsibility of the student and the College will not investigate loss or theft. Students are encouraged to hand phones into the Secondary office for safekeeping or keep them on silent in a pencil case etc
- Phones are not to be used in class under any circumstances. This includes sending or receiving calls or messages
- Phones are to be on silent mode or turned off in all classes
- Phones are not to be used in the library Phones are not to be used in any environment where their function would place the user or others at risk
- Phones with video/photo functions are not to have any material that could be considered an invasion of individual privacy, capable of being a source of embarrassment to any member of the College community, or are pornographic or offensive. Such phones will be confiscated and not returned until a meeting has been held with the student's parents. In the case of a breach of law the phone will be handed to the police

**NOTE: Any evidence that a phone is being used as an instrument of bullying or harassment will be viewed as an infringement of the College's Anti-bullying policy and will be treated as a serious offence.**

Any student who is in breach of the above conditions will have their phone confiscated and returned at the discretion of the Assistant Principal (Head of Secondary). Repeated infractions of the above conditions may result in the students being banned from bringing the phones to school and subject to disciplinary action.

Roger Oates  
**PRINCIPAL**  
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