

Mobile Phone Policy

Preamble:

While we allow these devices to be brought to the school, research has found they are detrimental to effective learning and teaching if used inappropriately during lesson time.

Expectations:

1. Students may use mobile phones and/or electronic listening devices before and after school as well as lunchtimes.
2. At all other times, these devices **must** be:
 - Turned off (not on silent/vibration)
 - Out of sight (includes earphones/cords)
 - Kept safely in your pocket or bag

In senior classes, phones **must** be turned off during explicit instruction; however, phones may be used at teacher's direction.

For parent-student contact during the day, students with phones can check missed calls/messages at appropriate times as stated above only. For emergency contact, parents **must** call the school office.

Consequences for Misuse:

- In the first instance of interruption, the student is provided a warning.
- If a student misuses the device a second time, the student will be sent to the office where the device will be handed in and a slip will be issued. Students can collect their phone from the office at the end of the day
- If a student refuses to hand the device to the office, the student will be referred to the HOEW for follow up.
- If it is a repeated offence (>3 times across all classes), the Parent/Guardian will need to collect the phone from the office