

# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

***Rationale:*** Wanganui Park Secondary College acknowledges and accepts the importance of mobile device technology for students. The purpose of this policy is to formalise acceptable practices at the College and in the environment in which the College activities are being conducted. Students become distracted by mobile phones. So this policy will assist students to be “ready to learn”.

***Implementation:***

- Students are permitted to carry and use mobile phones at school, but only before school, during the recess and lunchtime breaks and after school.
- All mobile phones are to be placed in the classroom tub at the start of each lesson.
- Mobile phones must always be **turned off** before they are placed in the classroom tub at the start of the lesson.
- Mobile phones may be used in class but only when a clear instruction has been given by the teacher. Only then can they be collected from the classroom tub. When this activity has ceased, they must be returned to the tub.
- Mobile phones are not to be seen at other times such as assemblies, Home Group or RAPS.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at their owner’s risk.
- WPSC does not hold any insurance for personal property brought to school so it will not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

***Consequences for improper use of mobile phones***

- A student does not have the right to keep their mobile phone with them during class. They are expected to follow policy and place their mobile phone into the classroom tub.
- If a mobile phone is seen or used during class time, the teacher will ask for the phone. The student will be expected to hand the phone over without argument.
- If the student refuses to hand over the phone, the teacher will send the student to an Assistant Principal who will contact a parent or guardian.
- If the student decides to hand over their phone to the Assistant Principal, the mobile phone will be placed in the school’s strong room for safe keeping and the student will be allowed to attend their **next** class.
- A meeting will be held as soon as convenient with the student, their parent/guardian and the Assistant Principal to discuss future terms relating to this mobile phone.
- This mobile phone will only be returned to a parent/guardian.
- The use of mobile phones on excursions or sporting activities will be at the discretion of the supervising teacher.
- Mobile phones are not to be used to take photos or videos without direct permission from a teacher.