

MOBILE PHONE POLICY FEEDBACK

Agree with "no phone zone"

I feel this ruling is too harsh and would lead to lost and or stolen phones from lockers. I think the no use policy during class times is sufficient with the phones on silent. We are building strong men who need to learn and exercise self-control with the use of them and by having them on their person they reduce the risk of losing them (or having them stolen) and not having them if there was an emergency.

I understand these can be a distraction at times but feel it can also be a common form of interactions between like-minded students, especially seeing the school grounds/space is quite limited.

Sure yes there should be repercussion for inappropriate use, but please don't deny them the right to be responsible with their personal belongings.

I fully support the proposed mobile phone policy for the very same reasons you mention in the newsletter - less distractions when learning and more opportunity for authentic, present social interaction.

Hoping it might also spill over to other areas of our boys lives and that they might consider the value of time spent away from screens.

I agree. A similar policy at Brigidine is working well.

Yes yes yes! Total ban long overdue.... Put in locker and retrieve at end of day.

That is the one thing I noticed when we came for Orientation day. A large number of Senior students were all standing around looking at their phones. Not talking to each other but distracted by their device.

I work at Shore and they are well known for their total phone ban. It works!

We agree fully with all of the details in the Proposed Policy on the 'No Phone Zone'.

I am in favour of the proposal.

I agree with the policy as set out in today's newsletter. Thank you.

it is in my daughters school and works well.

I am 100% in agreement with your proposed mobile phone policy.

We fully support and would welcome the proposed policy.

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed mobile phone policy. I think making St Pius a No Phone Zone is a great idea. School is a place for learning, collaboration between peers and teachers as well as social interaction between peers. Phones used inappropriately at school remove the student's focus from their immediate environment and interfere with all of the enriching opportunities mentioned above.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for feedback on this proposed policy - our family fully supports it.

I am happy with the proposed phone policy.

1. St Pius X is a 'No Phone Zone' whereby students must immediately put their phones in their lockers upon arrival at school. **YES**
2. This means not in the student's pockets, not on 'silent', switched off and certainly not in any classroom unless directed otherwise by a staff member etc. All or nothing - i.e the art teacher cannot direct them to take a photo of their art work - this is when it unravels.....maybe Yrs 5-9 in their lockers. Yrs 10-12 off and in their bag/locker - if they have a locker .
3. Any teacher seeing a student with a phone would be allowed to confiscate it and hand it in at the main office or with Mr Casey/Mr Sean Brannan etc. The only way to have it returned is after the student accepts being issued with a detention. **Not sure about a detention here but a very black or white policy. Students will learn very quickly to put them away.**

We agree with the proposed mobile phone policy.

The proposed phone policy is fine if students actually place their phones in the locker. Unless the teachers police this, the chance of it happening is slim.

I know at Davidson High School in the Maths Department, each class has a special phone basket and as each student comes in, they must hand in their phones and then take them as they leave.

That is another option to ensure the student hands in their phones.

I fully support the new Mobile Phone policy.

On silent in the lockers works. Kids would inevitably wait at their lockers for their phones to turn on to check messages etc. between periods and it would delay them going to class. If it's in their lockers temptation to check them will be too great, although the rule is a no go zone. So just reduce the delay.

BTW they can replicate most apps etc. on the school laptops or ipads or iwatches, although they're not allowed.

A central location in each home room where they all have to put their phones at roll call to stop temptation.

Another angle may be to keep it as it is and anyone caught using their phone incorrectly loses it immediately for 4 weeks. Its kept and stored by the school. When a child gets caught the parents are advised. If the parents want to come to school and collect they can. You may find lots of parents choose to leave it at school.

I notice with interest in the newsletter the new phone policy and wanted to give feedback that we are fully supportive of the new policy and congratulate St Pius X on demonstrating leadership in this area.

The policy will enable the boys to focus on school, friendship, community, and education without any distraction from mobile devices and social media.

My only thought is how is this can be further extended to include notifications on devices, games, and other communication devices such as apple watches etc...but fully support this phone policy as a positive step.

In addition, the promotion of the new policy to the parents of student may be required to ensure any urgent messages are sent via the office and not direct to the students phone.

I totally agree and back the proposed mobile phone policy.
Great idea! The phones are a distraction that is unnecessary.
I wholeheartedly agree with the proposed policy.
YES, please make St Pius a No Phone Zone. There is no need for a phone while at school. They are a major distraction.
I am supportive of the proposed mobile phone policy.
I would like to provide comment on the phone policy. I fully agree that St Pius should be a no phone zone. I agree they should go straight into their lockers and not kept on their person. I agree they should be confiscated. The only part is that particularly in the early stages a detention might be a bit harsh – maybe a roll in period with 3 strikes, or other punishment (lines, essay etc.) could help the policy be implemented.
Phone policy - agree with all points
I fully support the new Mobile Phone policy.
I like the new telephone policy. Ban them all.
I'm happy for all phones to be banned during school hours and would strongly support a new policy enforcing this. I have a Son in yr6 and yr7.
I love that Pius discourages phone use at school in preference of social interaction during breaks. It also goes without saying that they shouldn't be allowed in the classroom. I'm in support of the proposed policy but would consider the opportunity for the boys to redeem themselves by giving them 2 other chances within a term. If they're caught the third time in a term, then a detention is issued. On the first two occasions, they can have their phone returned to them at the end of the day from the office.
We support the mobile phone policy proposed.
Personally we love and appreciate the new rules for mobile phones. Be ready for full classes at detention for a short while!
I agree with the new policy regarding mobile phones. I also think that the PLD use need refining as I hear that students often play games during classes. This is common at my daughters school also.
I completely support the proposed mobile phone policy. This is a great initiative. I hope it is implemented soon.
It is my belief that my sons do not require their mobile phones while at school. Best they keep them secured in their lockers upon arrival, leave them there for the duration of the day and take them home with them at the end of class time. If I, as a parent, need to get hold of my son during the day, for whatever reason, I know I can contact the school and they will put me in touch with my sons.
I would be fully supportive of the no mobile phone during school policy. They are not needed and are so distracting. Hopefully it gets the thumbs up.
I am totally in support of the new policy.

This policy is a fabulous idea and will help with us with the addiction and utter curse mobile phones bring to our children

I would be very supportive of the proposed new phone policy. I think by not physically having it on their person is an opportunity to completely disconnect during the day.

Strongly agree with all aspects of the proposed mobile phone policy.

Phones 100% put away in lockers at the start of the day.

I fully support whatever changes the school makes to the mobile phone policy

I writing to express my whole-hearted support for the proposed phone policy at SPX as contained in last week's Woodchatta.

I catch a train along the north shore line every day and lament the fact that the vast majority of groups of students (SPX and other schools) are continually heads down and playing games, texting on phones with minimal to no eye contact or engagement in general conversation.

From a safety perspective, I have regularly observed school students walking with phones along streets and train platforms and often narrowly avoiding collisions with people (or worse). Whilst I appreciate it would be problematic to police I would suggest extending it further that students seen walking with phones may also receive an 'infringement' of some sort.

Obviously needs buy-in from the parents but other school led initiatives in this space could be device free days/weeks, competition for longest time not playing a game on phone. Or other incentive based events e.g. what else could I achieve by reducing my phone use by 10 minutes a day? 50 push-ups a day, 20 extra books per year etc.