



## Student Mobile Phone Policy

**Policy Name:** School Student Phone Policy  
**Date approved:** December 2022 by Senior Management Team  
**To be reviewed:** Annually

### Rationale:

The growth of technology, and its role in education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student, has been very exciting but also very challenging. Students are faced with more distractions than ever before and are struggling to maintain focus and concentration, manage impulsivity and avoid distraction. It is the role of the School to help support them to develop as successful learners.

### Policy:

From January 2023:

Kindergarten – Year 6

- Students in Junior School do not require mobile phones or wearable devices as all parent-child communication during school hours goes through Junior School Reception or the classroom teacher.
- If there are circumstances requiring a student to bring a mobile phone to school, parents must liaise with the classroom teacher at the start of the school year. In these instances, the phone is handed to the classroom teacher at the beginning of each day and collected at the end of the day.
- Students cannot use the phone or wearable device onsite, including bus bays, drop n go, the playground or at before and after school activities unless instructed to do so by a teacher.
- Students are not permitted to take images of any person without their permission, and they should not be in School uniform.
- If a student chooses to ignore the school policy, the phone will be confiscated, and parents contacted.
- The school will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the phone.

## Years 7-10

- To support students' learning and positive wellbeing, the school will no longer permit students in Years 7-10 to have a mobile phone on their person during the school day.
- If, in an emergency, a student needs to contact a parent or a parent needs to contact their child during the school day, this contact will be made via Reception.
- Students who require their phone on their person for medical purposes will be given an exemption card, which they are to keep with their phone. A list of students with an approved exemption will be circulated to staff. Arrangements are to be made with the Head of Senior School.
- If students bring a mobile phone to school, the phone is to be switched off and locked in the student's locker throughout the school day. Students may only briefly check their mobile phone at their locker at the start of recess or lunch.
- The school will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the phone.
- If a student does not adhere to the school policy and is found to have a mobile phone on their person at school, the phone will be immediately confiscated, and the student will incur a 1-hour Friday afternoon detention.
- Confiscated phones will be passed on to the Head of Senior School office and can only be collected at the end of the school day.
- Head Mentors will keep a record of any student who has their phone confiscated. Should this happen repeatedly, parents will be called to discuss the matter.

## Years 11-12

- Students are not permitted to access or use their mobile during lessons without explicit permission from the teacher.
- Senior students are not permitted to loan their mobile phone to students in years 7 - 10.
- If, in an emergency, a student needs to contact a parent or a parent needs to contact their child during the school day, this contact will be made via Reception.
- The school will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the phone.
- If a student does not adhere to the school policy, the phone will be immediately confiscated, and the student will incur a 1-hour Friday afternoon detention.
- Confiscated phones will be passed on to the Head of Senior School office and can only be collected at the end of the school day.
- Head Mentors will keep a record of any student who has their phone confiscated. Should this happen repeatedly, parents will be called to discuss the matter.