



Mobile Phone Policy

OFF AND AWAY – ALL DAY:

In alignment with Department of Education policy, all electronic devices including mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, music players and headphones must be turned off and placed in school bags or handed into student services during the school day.
(8:45am (9:00am Wednesdays) - 3:00pm)

EXCEPTIONS:

Mobile phones and related devices may be used in the classroom environment only under the direct instruction of the teacher for educational purposes or to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.



WHY?

- To protect staff and student privacy and confidentiality.
- To protect students in terms of cyber safety.
- To enable increased student learning and teacher to focus on teaching.
- To prevent loss or damage of high value property.

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st infringement – the device will be confiscated and passed to Student Services for collection at the end of the day.
- 2nd infringement - the device will be confiscated and passed to Student Services for collection at the end of the day – parent/carer will be notified before student is able to collect.
- 3rd infringement – the mobile phone will be confiscated and will be required to be collected by the parent/carer. Where the breach is of a serious nature affecting other students or staff members, the offending student may be prevented from bringing devices to school and a suspension may result. (Refusal to follow instructions may result in suspension)

The fine print:

1. *The above policy also applies to break times (recess and lunch), school excursions, camps and events.*
2. *If students wish to contact parents, they can do so via Student Services.*
3. *If parents need to contact students during the school day, calls can be made to the admin office/Student Services.*
4. *No liability is accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft, or damage of any electronic device.*