

# MOBILE PHONES

## POLICY

### Rationale:

- Mobile phones are important modern day communication tools, used in providing a safe and effective school environment. However, they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

### Aims:

- To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

### Implementation:

- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure the school's mobile phones or similar appropriate communications devices accompany each trip.
- Students are not to use the school's mobile phones without permission directly from the Teacher.
- Staff will be kept informed of Department of Education and Training information relating to health effects of using mobile phones.
- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless permission from the principal has been successfully sought by parents who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone. They must be then kept at the office.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing or using mobile phones whilst at school. If continued use, student's phone will be confiscated for parents to collect.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle or as the need arises.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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