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# Mobile phone policy

## **BASIC BELIEFS**

Mobile phones have become an important and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands there are times when possession of a mobile phone is required for parental contact after school hours. Mobile phones can also provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school. There are however, concerns about the use of SMS, photographs and video to harass, bully and threaten others, in addition to the unnecessary interference with teaching and learning.

## **AIMS**

- To provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students.
- To reduce the risk of cyber-bullying
- To ensure that valuable items are not lost or stolen at school.
- To ensure that teaching and learning is not interrupted by use of a mobile phone.

## **GUIDELINES FOR ACTION**

- Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.
- In the event that they are required for contacting parents before or after school, students **MUST** sign their phone into the General Office for safekeeping. The phone may be collected at the end of the school day.
- Parents or caregivers wishing to leave messages for their children should do so by telephoning the College. Staff will ensure that messages are passed on during class breaks.
- General office staff will also assist students who need to contact family or other persons. A telephone is also available for student use. Students need to speak to the Office staff to request use of the phone. The cost of a local phone call is applicable.
- Students that bring their mobile phone to school will have it confiscated. The phone will be placed in a box in the office and can only be collected by parents at the end of the school day. The phone **MUST** be collected from the Principal or AP to ensure that the policy of the College is clearly explained. A copy of the mobile phone policy will be provided to these parents and students when they collect their child's phone.