

Senior School, Middle School and Swan Trade Training Centre Mobile Phone Policy

The College recognises that mobile phones are a valid and important communication tool and a part of contemporary society. The College accepts that parents give their children phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also an increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

While at school students can be contacted through student services, like wise a phone is available in Student Services if a student needs to contact their parents/guardian.

Usage

- Mobile phones must be switched off between 8:25am and 3:15pm.

Responsibility

- Mobile phones that are brought to and kept at school, are done so entirely at their owner's risk. The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use. Students and parents should be aware that mobile phones are highly prized targets for theft and, accordingly, phones should always be stored in a safe and secure place and should never be left in bags or unattended in the change rooms.
- Parents and students should ensure that mobile phones are properly and adequately insured as personal property.
- Non-observance or breach of these rules may result in the mobile phone being confiscated and privileges restricted or withdrawn. If the mobile phone is confiscated, it will need to be collected from Student Services at the end of the school day.
- This occurrence will be recorded and on the third occasion a parent will be asked to collect the mobile phone after school. It will not be released to the student. Staff cannot accept any responsibility for a mobile phone during the period in which it is confiscated.
- A student who refuses to give their mobile phone to a teacher when instructed will be referred directly to their Head of School. Given that this is a serious breach of discipline students should expect to receive a significant consequence.

Junior School Policy

The College accepts that parents give their children phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also an increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

Mobile phones must be switched off and handed in at Junior School Student Services at the beginning of the day and collected by the child at the end of the day.

During school hours and in an emergency, students may use the telephone located in student services to contact parent/guardian. Parents may contact students via the Student Services phone.

Mobile phones that are brought to and kept at school, and are used entirely at their owner's risk. The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use.

If a child is found to be in possession of a mobile phone during the day it will be confiscated. Confiscated phones will need to be collected from Student Services at the end of the school day. This occurrence will be recorded and on the third occasion a parent will be asked to collect the mobile phone after school. It will not be released to the student. Staff cannot accept any responsibility for a mobile phone during the period in which it is confiscated.