



MOBILE PHONES POLICY (STUDENTS)

CONTEXT

Many people have access to mobile phones which are important communication tools in the modern world. At Sacred Heart College we believe that it is in everyone's best interest for students to leave mobile phones home because they can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged. However we recognize that this is not always practical and so the student use of mobile phones must be effectively managed.

PRINCIPLES

Sacred Heart College aims to create and sustain quality learning environments that will not be compromised by mobile phones. General principles that underpin any mobile phone use at the school include:

- Mobile phones will be used responsibly by the students in accord with requirements of civil and criminal law
- Mobile phones will not intrude on the learning environment
- Mobile phones will not violate the integrity of assessments and therefore will not be allowed into tests and/or examination centres
- Students who bring mobile phones to school will be responsible for the proper usage patterns of them and replacement in the event of theft or damage

PROCEDURES

- The College does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- Mobile phones and students using them must not cause disruption to classes or individuals.
- If a student brings a mobile phone to school it is to be turned off and out of sight in classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organized activities.
- Students misusing mobile phones at school will be brought to the attention of the College Executive.
- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones into certain spaces or during certain activities, eg: exam rooms.

- Students misusing mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will have their phone confiscated.
 - The phone should be placed in a manila envelope and labeled with the student's:
Name Homeroom
House Date
 - The phone should be handed to the Front Office
 - A note should be put in the student's Pastoral Coordinator's pigeon-hole.The student can redeem the phone at the end of the day but the Pastoral Coordinator will arrange Friday detention.
- In the case of repeat offenders the School Executive may also insist that a parent of the student redeems the phone.

REFERENCES

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