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## STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

### Introduction:

As a communication device mobile phones, when used appropriately, offer students and their parents many advantages in terms of ease of communication and a sense of personal safety. However, mobile phones have the capacity to have a negative impact on the learning environment and the safety and wellbeing of students.

This policy aims to establish guidelines for the use of student mobile phones within the school environment and aims to set out the responsibility of staff, parents and students.

### What is inappropriate use?

The use of mobile phones in schools should not automatically be of concern. It is only if a mobile phone is used inappropriately that action will be necessary.

Generally, a mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it:

- Disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school, or
- Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person, or
- Is in breach of the law.

Inappropriate use of mobile phones will include students using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone. This type of misuse will be dealt with under the Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.

### Guidelines for Use:

1. Once at school the phone **should be kept in their school bag and turned off.** If the phone is seen by a teacher it will be taken and kept securely at the office and returned at the end of the day.
2. Students must not lend a phone to another student for use as a phone, for text messaging or for use as a camera or video recording device. The student who owns the phone will be held responsible for its use.

### Responsibility for mobile phones:

Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk – the school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage.

Introduction and reinforcement of mobile phone policy:

- When inappropriate use is detected it will be dealt with in terms of the policy, thereby reinforcing the policy
- The community will be made aware of this policy in a school newsletter

### Permission and Register of phones:

Parents need to provide permission for their child to bring a mobile phone to school and the school is required to keep a register of students bringing mobile phones to school.

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**STUDENT MOBILE PHONE REGISTRATION**

To the Principal:

I have read the Mobile Phone Policy.

My child(ren) need to bring a mobile phone to school.

Child's name.....

Class.....

Child's name.....

Class.....

My child(ren) need to bring a mobile phone to school for the following reason:

Parents to check with the child about arrival at school or departure from school

Other

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Parent:.....

Date.....