



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

While mobile phones may be useful and convenient on some occasions, for example before or after school, they are not to be used at school. If a student, with the specific consent of their parents, chooses to bring a mobile phone or other electronic device to school then they must respect fellow students' rights through responsible and appropriate use of the phone or device.

The use and securing of mobile phones and other electronic devices is the individual student's responsibility. It is not the responsibility of the school to ensure the security of mobile phones brought to school or taken on excursions by students. Students bring these items at their own risk.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) bans the bringing of mobile phones into Higher School Certificate exams and NAPLAN.

Guidelines for student use of mobile phones

- Mobile phones must be out of sight and turned off at all times including recess, lunch, all lessons, study periods, sport, chapel, assemblies and in the sick bay.
- Mobile phones may not be used in place of a NESA approved calculator in any learning activity.
- Harassment or bullying of fellow students via SMS text, voice messages or using web based communications breaches the school's Acceptable Use Policy. Such behaviour will be dealt with in terms of the Student Engagement Management Plan, whether it occurs at school, from private homes or outside school hours. Such harassment may be referred to police for investigation.
- Mobile phones must not be used to bypass school procedures in relation to school-parent contact such as the official notification of student illness or early departure from school. The school asks parents who need to contact their children to confine their mobile calls to before or after school. Any parent who needs emergency contact with their child can ring the school who will pass on the message.
- When given permission for use in lessons, mobile phone use must not disturb other students' learning.
- In case of an emergency permission to use mobile phones may be obtained from the Principal, Co-ordinator or from the office staff.
- Mobile phones may be allowed on excursions at the discretion of the Principal and the teacher in charge of the excursion.
- Mobile phones must not be used in any way that contravenes the Acceptable Use Policy.

Non-compliance with guidelines for student use

- Students will be directed to take the phone to a High School Co-ordinator or the Principal and leave it with them for collection at the end of the day.
- Students may be disciplined according to the Student Engagement Management Plan.
- Parents may also be contacted.

Student Agreement and Compliance

I accept and agree to abide by the guidelines and rules in the PCS Mobile Phone Policy. I accept that inappropriate behavior may lead to penalties including disciplinary action, and/or expulsion from school.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____