



## SENIOR MOBILE PHONE EXPECTATIONS

As a school community we acknowledge the benefits of mobile phones as a communication device however we also recognise that there are considerable concerns around the manner in which many young people manage their use of these devices.

To clarify what is expected at school, we have designed a set of expectations for our students and their parents/carers. We ask you and your teenager to familiarise yourself with these expectations.

### **Student Expectations:**

- ✓ I understand that having a mobile phone is a privilege.
- ✓ I can use mobile phones before school, at breaks and after school.
- ✓ I will not use mobile phones in class, unless under teacher direction.
- ✓ I will not send inappropriate, hurtful or threatening text messages.
- ✓ I will not take, send or post any pictures or videos of anyone without consent.
- ✓ I understand that I am responsible for the safe keeping of my mobile phone.
- ✓ I understand that failure to give my phone to school staff is an act of defiance and may result in serious consequence.

### **Parent Expectations:**

- ✓ I will reinforce the school's mobile phone expectations with my child.
- ✓ I will ensure my student understands the dangers of texting people, posting pictures and/or videos on social media.
- ✓ I understand and agree that the school is not responsible for the theft, loss or damage to a student's mobile phone.
- ✓ I will encourage my student to speak to school staff about school issues and concerns, and I will not text or call my student during school hours.

Please note: We appreciate many families have purchased mobile phones for their children to communicate with them. This is, however, not appropriate during class time, and if parents or children need to reach one another this should be done through the school office.

**If a student is found using a mobile phone during class time or is using it inappropriately in the playground, the following consequences will apply:**

**First Breach:** Mobile phone will be confiscated and brought to the Senior Hub or school office. The student may retrieve their phone at the end of the school day. A lunch time detention will be issued.

**Further Breaches:** A range of consequences including the mobile phone being confiscated and brought to the Senior Hub or school office, loss of mobile phone privileges at school, after school detentions and suspensions.