

# **SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL POLICY**

There are a number of students of primary school age who own a mobile phone however; there is no reason why a student should feel the need to use a mobile phone within school grounds. Students do have access to the office phone through the staff, free of charge in the case of an emergency. If a student is regularly using the office phone to contact home the parents will be approached to pay for phone calls being made. Parents also have access to their children and can leave important messages with office staff. These will be given to the student or their class teacher to pass on.

The use of mobile phones in school is of concern only if they are used inappropriately. This may include:

- disruption to the learning environment
- threatening or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person or
- is in breach of any law

Some parents consider that for security reasons their child requires a mobile phone when travelling to and from school. This means that the student will have their mobile phone at school. If students bring a mobile phone to school it must be kept turned off at all times throughout the school day including the playground.

If a student uses a mobile phone inappropriately, principals have the right to take action. Depending on the circumstances this action may include:

- confiscating the mobile phone off an individual student; and/or
- applying student disciplinary action.

Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk. The school will not accept any responsibility for lost or stolen mobile phones. However, once confiscated the responsibility for the mobile phone rests with the school. Confiscated mobile phones will be kept secured in the school safe. Staff cannot accept responsibility by keeping a mobile phone for a student in unlocked desks or on tables. It is then the responsibility of the parent to collect the phone from the office at the end of the school day.

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