



St Marys District High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please find attached the St Marys District High School Mobile Phone Policy, recently accepted unanimously at the School Association Meeting.

The Policy will become effective on Monday 27th October 2008.

The policy has been developed due to:

- The negative effect that mobile phones are having on student learning;
- Increased bullying and harassment through the use of mobile phones.

I trust you recognise the merit in implementing this policy. A successful outcome will only be gained when the school and community work in partnership.

BRIAN SHEPHEARD
PRINCIPAL

St Marys District High School

Mobile Phone Policy



BACKGROUND:

This policy has been developed in consultation by staff, students and the School Association to ensure that mobile phones do not interfere with our time at school for teaching and learning, meetings and assemblies, and social interaction.

POLICY:

STUDENTS

There is no need for a student to carry a mobile phone during the school day*. Parents who need to contact their son or daughter should ring the school office and a message will be relayed. Students who need to make a telephone call during the day should get permission from the Principal or Assistant Principal and use the office phone. More privacy can be arranged if required.

In exceptional circumstances (like a family emergency) the student should negotiate with the Principal to have his/her mobile phone on them during the day. Senior Staff will be informed if such permission is granted and this will be noted on the staffroom whiteboard.

A student who requires a mobile phone for use before or after school may bring the phone to school and leave it at the school office for safe-keeping. The phone will be tagged with the student's name and released only to that student or his/her parent. Phones left at the office should be turned off.

Like any valuables, mobile phones should not be left in bags. They should not be carried during the school day. We take no responsibility for valuables which are not handed in for safe-keeping.

Students who are in breach of the mobile phone policy will have their phone confiscated. Confiscation may last for up to 5 days for repeat breaches of the policy. A letter of advice regarding phone confiscation will be mailed to parents/carers immediately.

EXCURSIONS

Staff supervising a school excursion should carry with them a mobile phone, the number of which must be recorded on the excursion form left in the folder in the General Office. This is essential to cover the need for emergency contact.

There is no need for students to carry their phones on an excursion. Phones should be left at home or placed at the office for safe-keeping as listed above.

The "excursion component" of the policy however will be waived where students return home at a time significantly outside the school day eg. School Socials, Rock Challenge, Secondary Sports Roster.

CONSEQUENCES

The sequence of consequences for non-cooperation with this policy will be the same as for other uncooperative, disruptive or defiant behaviour.

Monitoring and management of non-compliance with this policy by students is the responsibility of the Senior Staff.

* the school day is defined as the period 8.45am – 3.00pm.



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MOBILE PHONE : Notification of Confiscation

Dear _____

_____’s mobile phone has been confiscated today (___/___/___)
due to non-compliance with the Mobile Phone Policy.

The period of confiscation will be ___/___/___ to ___ inclusive.

Regards

BRIAN SHEPHEARD
PRINCIPAL

SAMPLE ONLY