



MACKILLOP COLLEGE

Mobile Phone Policy

Many students today are owners of their own mobile phones and they have become an entrenched part of our communication system and can be important for parental peace of mind. They can, however, cause us significant problems as a school community and we therefore outline our policy on mobile phones and student use thereof.

We strongly advise that students do not bring any valuable items to school which are not expressly required for their learning program or legitimate College activities and this definitely includes mobile phones. We cannot accept responsibility for any such items and phones, especially as these are, unfortunately, a temptation in a variety of ways. This includes temptations to the owner to use it inappropriately and temptation to others who may not own such an item.

The office staff are quite willing and able to pass on messages from parents and there is a phone available for necessary calls.

If we become aware of a student having a mobile phone at school, if we see or hear it after the first and before the last bell of the school day, then the policy is, in the first instance, to hold that phone at the office or with the relevant YLC until the end of the day – the Year Level Co-ordinator may also choose to contact home. At the end of the day the student may collect the phone and take it home. If a student's phone is confiscated on two or more occasions it will be retained by the College/Year Level Co-ordinator until it can be collected by the parent/guardian of the child from whom it has been removed. At this time, the Year Level Co-ordinator will contact home and inform the parent/guardian of the situation. Mobile phones are only to be used for personal, responsible use. Phones can also be confiscated before the first bell and after the last bell if phones are not limited to personal responsible use.

Students who require the use of their phone after the end of the school day may hand it to their Home Room Teacher, Year Level Co-ordinator or to the front office for safe keeping.

If a staff member has reasonable suspicion that a student's mobile phone contains objectionable material, the College/Year Level Co-ordinator has a responsibility to confiscate the mobile phone and contact parents.