



MacKillop

CATHOLIC COLLEGE

2024

MOBILE PHONE PROTOCOL

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RATIONALE

Mackillop Catholic College takes the safe and responsible use of digital technologies, student safety and wellbeing, and the development of social skills and positive behaviour very seriously. As you are aware, we prioritise the wellbeing of our young people in all the decisions we make as a school. Whilst we acknowledge that we live in a technology-rich world where mobile phones are an important communication tool, research has found that mobile phones can be disruptive and are open to misuse at school. The unregulated presence of mobile phones can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention, and regulate emotion.

All students with mobile phones are to switch off their phone and lock it securely in their school locker before Pastoral Care. Mobile phones are not to be accessed until 3:10 pm.

- Mobile phones are brought to and kept at school entirely at their owner's risk.
- Any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to go home must arrange this through their House Leader/Director of Pastoral Care/Deputy Principal and present themselves to the College Office so that parents/caregivers can be contacted.
- If students want to purchase items from the tuckshop, they should use a physical card from their bank or pre-order and pay via the QKR App.
- Any student who needs to be in contact with parents/caregivers on urgent matters during the day should report to the College Office. Our College Office staff will support those students to make contact via a College Office phone.
- Parents/caregivers who need to contact students or get messages to students during school hours should contact the College Office.
- Students who have smart watches must have them on "Airplane" mode.

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NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS - MOBILE PHONE PROTOCOL

First occasion

The mobile phone will be stored at the College Office for collection at the end of the school day by the student.

Second occasion

The mobile phone will be stored at the College Office for collection at the end of the school day by a parent/care-giver.

Subsequent occasions

The mobile phone will be stored at the College Office for collection at the end of the school day by a parent/care-giver. Following this the mobile phone will be stored at the College Office before 8:30 am, to be collected by the student after 3:10 pm, every day for a full week*

**Discretion may be applied in exceptional circumstances. Families who require their son or daughter to always carry mobile phones with them (i.e., for health reasons) will have this authorised through the Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care.*