



NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Mobile Phone Policy

Policy Statement

The College accepts that the use of mobile phones by staff and students is an integral aspect of everyday life. Therefore the College acknowledges that staff and students bring mobile phones to school. However, the College will not take any responsibility for loss or damage of mobile phones. The College Code of Conduct requires that we all respect the personal property and rights of others. Therefore mobile phones will be treated in the same manner as all other personal items that students bring to school.

*Due to the value of mobile phones, students are discouraged from bringing them and other valuable, personal items to school.

Implementation:

- Students will be able to bring mobile phones to school.
- Students may only use their mobile phones in a responsible manner and must not interfere with the operation of the College program.
- Phones must be turned off when students are in class, at assembly or involved in a formal school activity in which the use of the phone would interrupt the program.
- Phones are not permitted to be used during private study sessions.
- Students have access to the office phones if they have a valid reason to contact home during normal school hours.
- The use of phones for bullying or harassment will be treated seriously and a contravention of this will be referred to the appropriate authority.
- The use of mobile phones on excursions or sporting activities will be at the discretion of the supervising teacher.
- Parents are expected to contact the college office if there are sensitive messages (such as bereavement or serious illness) that need to be conveyed to students. These messages will be passed on by the School Welfare Coordinator or other senior staff if the message is potentially distressing.
- In-phone cameras or recording features of phones can only be used as part of the educational program and have consent from the relevant personnel ie. Teacher, principal, student, parent.
- Students who use their phone irresponsibly will incur sanctions as per the student code of conduct. This can include confiscation of the phone.

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