**Middle Campus Mobile Phone Use Instructions**

The school acknowledges that mobile phones have become a part of everyday life and parents may provide their children with a mobile phone for use while travelling to and from school.

However, teachers and students have the right to teach and to learn at school without the intrusion of the inappropriate use of mobile phones.

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used in the classroom and must be turned off and stored securely in lockers at the start of the school day and not taken to any lessons.

The use of mobile phones during lesson times is not in keeping with the core value of Respect as it is disrespectful to the teacher who is teaching and disrespectful to the other students.

**Students may only use mobile phones before and after school.** Mobile phones must be used appropriately at these times. Photos and/or videos are not to be taken of other students or staff members without their permission.

While at school students do not have a need for a mobile phone. If students need to contact their parents/caregivers, this should be done through Student Services. If parents/caregivers need to contact their children during the school day, this can also be done through Student Services on 8365 0455 and a message will be conveyed.

If students choose to bring mobile phones to school they must accept sole responsibility for their care. The school does not take responsibility for accidental loss, theft or damage to the phone. Students are required to have it turned off and stored securely in the locker during the school day.

While digital technology is an important part of the teaching and learning process the school has a laptop policy for this purpose. Other electronic devices such as cameras and ipads are also available for borrowing by classes as required. Students in Maths classes should have appropriate calculators and mobile phones are not suitable alternatives. In preparation for future exams and tests, students need to learn to use appropriate technology and not to rely on mobile phones.

For their child’s safety, parents must always communicate through Student Services.

**Consequences of mobile phone use in the classroom:**

- Students using mobile phones in the classroom will have the phone confiscated and stored in Student Services until the end of the day.
- Students who continue to use mobile phones in class, will result in the phone being left at Student Services at the start of each day and to be collected after school.
- For ongoing instances, the School Behaviour Management Policy will be implemented and this could result in suspension of the student for not following reasonable expectations.

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