

# Mobile Phone Policy - Students



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## 1. Rationale

St John's Grammar School seeks to provide and promote a safe and productive learning environment for all students. As such, this policy and associated procedures seek to promote student wellbeing, safe and responsible use of digital technologies, and the development of skills and behaviours that foster learning, responsibility and positive behaviours.

## 2. Policy

St John's Grammar School is committed to providing a safe and educationally supportive environment that supports safe use of digital technologies. We recognise that we live in a technologically-rich world where mobile phones are an important communication tool. We also recognise that mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms, undermining students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion.

The development of social skills is also important for young people. Recess and lunch time provide opportunities for students to play, be involved in physical activity and communicate with each other, face-to-face.

It is our policy that:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must keep them securely stored in their locker or in their pocket during school hours.
- Mobile phones are not to be used in classrooms, unless explicit permission for a specific activity is given by the teacher.
- Mobile phones are not to be used in the yard at recess and lunch and should be secured out of sight.
- Students may check their phone at their locker at recess and lunch to manage any important messages.
- Parents who need to get in contact with their child during their school day are encouraged to send a message via the Student Services.
- Breaches to this policy will result in a range of consequences, including but not limited to, the mobile phone being confiscated by the teacher for the day (and stored at Student Services), detentions, and higher level restrictions.
- Students will be given explicit instruction, through our Wings and HPD program, about the safe use of social media and technology.
- Exemptions to the policy can be given for students with specific needs by the relevant Head of School.

## 3. Related Policies

Bullying Prevention & Intervention  
Harassment (Student Against Student)  
Social Media Policy  
Classroom and Behaviour Standards

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