



(Student)MOBILE PHONES at School POLICY



Rationale

Mobile phones are an important communication tool, with a designated role in supporting a safe school environment. Student use of mobile phones needs to be managed to ensure the phone is not lost or damaged and that it is used according to protocols.

Aim

To facilitate the use of mobile phones to support approved communication and reduce the potential for inappropriate use.

Implementation

- Parents need to notify the Principal – using TVPS proforma – of their intention to provide their child with a mobile phone to bring to school for approved communication.
- The proforma (Appendix A) will be attached to this (Student) Mobile Phone Policy and will be available from the school office and via the TVPS Web site.
- Completed proforma need to be handed in to the school office for Principal or Assistant Principal verification. This process will include the student and parent/guardian signing an agreement to abide by the following protocols –
 - ✓ At the first morning bell a student mobile phone needs to be handed to the classroom teacher for safe-keeping during the school day
 - ✓ Student use of a mobile phone is restricted to the end of the school day
 - ✓ On the school grounds the use of the mobile phone is ONLY for communication with parents/guardian.
 - ✓ Students are PROHIBITED from taking audios, photos, videos or other snapshots with a personal mobile, unless approved under the Specific Media Consent Policy guidelines.
- Approved proforma will be filed in the student’s Profile folder and will operate for the course/remainder of the school year in which it is submitted – providing there is no change or breach of conditions.
- Mobile phones must not cause disruption to individuals, the running of classes or cause a nuisance to the smooth running of the school. Therefore, phones must be turned OFF when they are handed to the class teacher.
- If a student misuses a personal mobile phone – eg with communication/messaging to other students whilst on the school grounds OR ‘postings’ on social media - it will be brought to the immediate attention of the Principal or Assistant Principal. A student may have their ‘phone privilege’ at school revoked.
- The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing mobile phones to specified school events eg. School Disco, Family BBQ
- The school accepts NO responsibility for loss or damage of student mobile phones