

Student Mobile Phone Guidelines

Rationale

With increasing use of mobile phones, there is a necessity for an understanding of what is and what is not appropriate in the school setting.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that the use of mobile phones does not affect teaching and learning and the good management of the school. The following statements are applicable to all members of the school community whilst they are on campus. Staff and students (through the Student Council) support the etiquette guidelines below.

Policy Guidelines

There is no use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day unless the student has been granted an exemption for the following uses of mobile phones:

- to monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan; or
- for a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher; or
- with permission of a teacher for a specified purpose.

Students are required to put their smart watches and other electronic devices, e.g. iPads, in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the day.

How will this look at Jolimont PS

The school and community do not consider it necessary for primary school students to bring mobile phones and/or other electronic communication devices to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. In cases of emergency and in circumstances of genuine need, a telephone in the front office will be made available to students.

If it is necessary for a student to bring a mobile phone to school, the phone should be handed into the front office on arrival, where it will be kept during school hours. The phone will be placed in a named bag and should be switched off. It may be collected when the

student leaves the school for the day.

Under no circumstances will the school accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to a student's mobile. Parents will be contacted if issues arise on this matter.

Mobile Phone Etiquette for Students

The sole responsibility for mobile phone security rests with the owner of the phone.

- Mobile phones once at school need to be handed in at the office and collected at the end of the school day.
- Students who have not handed their phone into front office are considered in breach of the Jolimont Good Standing Guidelines.
- Phones being used during school time 8:50am - 3:00pm will be confiscated and be available for collection by the student's parent from the office. Parents will be notified of the confiscation.