

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY - 2018 - 2020

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RATIONALE

This policy outlines the acceptable use of student mobile phones and electronic devices whilst attending Brighton Secondary College or on an excursion facilitated by the College.

BACKGROUND

The school recognises that mobile phones and other electronic devices are ubiquitous and that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and useful for students to have access to mobile phones – for travel, to contact parents in emergencies, to confirm or change a collection time.

POLICY

This policy sets out to establish clarity around the expectations the College has about the use of mobile phones and electronic devices while at school, including use during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

- Mobile phones may not be used to take photographs or film other individuals without their knowledge or permission
- Mobile phones must not be used in spaces where a person can reasonably expect privacy, for example changing rooms, toilets, gym and swimming pools
- Mobile phones must not be used to send harassing or threatening messages

DEFINITION

This policy applies to student mobile phones and extends to any electronic device that can be used to communicate or record data, sounds or images including still and moving.

GUIDELINES

- Mobile phones:
 - Should only be used before or after school
 - May not be carried by a student on their person during school hours, therefore, if brought to school, must be stored in a locker during the entire school day
 - Users should display care, courtesy, consideration and respect for others when using a mobile phone, for example, when on public transport, or crossing roads.
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices brought to and kept at school, are done so entirely at their owner's risk. The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from the use of these devices.
- Parents and students should recognise that mobile phones and other electronic devices are a target for theft and, accordingly, they should always be stored in a safe and secure place.
- Parents and students should ensure that phones and other electronic devices are properly and adequately insured as personal property.
- Mobile phones, MP3 players, memory sticks, digital cameras or other hand-held devices may be used for curriculum related purposes in a classroom, as specifically requested and/or approved by the supervising teacher (e.g. taking video shots as part of a video media class). In this situation, the device must only be used for the approved purpose, must not be used for any other purpose, and must be returned to the student's locker immediately after the permitted use is finished.
- Mobile phones may not be used as timepieces or calculators in tests or exams (see acceptable use of electronic devices in assessment)
- Any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to go home must arrange this through the nurse or sub-school administrator. Whilst students may not use their mobile phones to contact home. Any arrangements to leave school must be made through the nurse or relevant sub-school office
- Non-observance or breaches of these rules will result in the mobile phone or electronic device being confiscated. If the mobile phone or electronic device is confiscated, it will need to be collected from the sub school assistant principal at the end of the day. Continued non-observance of these rules may result in phones or other electronic devices being surrendered to a sub-school office for storage during school hours.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's four year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 23 May 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE:

- [Bullying](#)
- [Photographing and Filming Students](#)
- [Acceptable use of electronic devices in assessments](#)

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