MOBILE PHONE AND MP3 PLAYER (iPOD) POLICY

Purpose
The mobile phone is an effective and quick means of communication. Where unforeseen events occur, mobile phones provide students and their families with a ready means of communication. There is a need however to set clear guidelines and limit their use during the school day to avoid unnecessary interference with teaching and learning.

Office staff assist students who need to contact family in an emergency. Parents and caregivers may also leave messages for their children by contacting the office.

Responsibility
It is the responsibility of students who choose to bring electronic devices to school to look after these and follow the rules. The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their devices stolen or damaged.

Rules
1. Mobile phones and mp3 players can be used in an appropriate manner during recess and lunch and before and after school.

2. During class time and between lessons students MUST NOT use mobile phones or mp3 players. They MUST be turned off and out of sight.

3. Students MUST not argue with a teacher when asked to hand over their phone or mp3 player. If this occurs then it becomes a discipline issue.

4. Recording, videoing and photographing are not allowed. These breach privacy issues.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use
Students infringing on the rules noted above will have their phone or mp3 player taken by the teacher and returned at the end of the day.

The device should be placed in an envelope with the students name and placed in a locked area in the staffroom.

Repeated infringements may result in the student being unable to bring devices to school.