

Mobile Phone Policy



Mt College understands that mobile phones and wearable devices are a part of life now for many students. However, there is no need to carry them around during the day or bring them to classes (earbuds or headphones may be used in class under the direction of the teacher) for the following reasons:

- They are a distraction to learning and teaching during class time.
- They can encourage anti-social behaviour.
- Their value generally requires that extra care be taken with regard to security, which cannot be guaranteed by the College.

If these items are brought to school, students must take the responsibility for their own property.

Procedures for mobile phone usage

1. Students are not to carry mobile phones with them (including in folders or pencil cases etc) during the school day. Once the bell for Pastoral Care Group is sounded phones are to be turned off and locked in a student's locker. Alternatively, students can hand them in to Student Reception or to a student's Pastoral Leader for safe keeping.
2. Students are not to record (image or sound) class lessons or any other activities at school. This is in keeping with our privacy guidelines.
3. Wearable devices are to be considered under the same guiding principles as mobile phones as many of their smart functions are an extension of the mobile phone. e.g. making and receiving phone calls, messaging, accessing apps etc. Wearable devices are permitted in the classroom however are not to be used as an extension of the mobile phone.
4. Earbuds and headphones must not be used at break times or between classes.

Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will be subject to the standard College behaviour management procedures.

The College will not take any responsibility if these items are lost or stolen but will advertise any such losses to assist in their recovery.

If students are found with these devices on them throughout the day they will be expected to hand them in to a specified member of staff (e.g. Pastoral Leader or at Student Reception) and they can be collected at 3.00pm. Parent contact will be made with repeat offenders or if a student becomes argumentative or uncooperative.