



## John Willcock College

### Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

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Mobile phones and electronic devices are a part of modern society and the College accepts that many students possess these items. They are a useful tool, especially where the issue of safety is concerned. However, teachers and students, have a right to teach and to learn in a classroom and environment free from interruption by mobile phones and other telecommunication devices.

Mobile phones at John Willcock College present a number of challenges. These include:

- Interrupting lessons and assessment tasks
- Disrupting the learning of others
- Theft
- Bullying
- Invasion of privacy, and
- Violating the rights of the College community to enjoy participating in a safe, secure environment.

#### Policy

While we prefer students not to have mobile phones and electronic devices at the College, we realise that students may have mobile phones; therefore, the College has adopted the following policy:

1. Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones and electronic devices to the College. ***We accept no responsibility for mobile phones and electronic devices that are brought to the College and undertake no responsibility to investigate their misplacement, loss or theft.***
2. Mobile phones and electronic devices that are brought to school should be switched off and locked away in the student's laptop locker before form class and should not be removed until the final bell at 3.08pm.
3. **Using mobile cameras (still and video) to film people and their activities without their knowledge and/or permission is an invasion of privacy and will not be tolerated. Any student found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended.**
4. Parents are requested not to encourage mobile phone use during school hours, by texting their children. Where parents need to contact their son or daughter during the school day, the College's front office phone number is the appropriate point of contact (ph: 9965 8300).
5. Should a mobile phone ring or interrupt a class, the teacher has been instructed to confiscate and secure it. Phones and electronic devices will also be confiscated from

students caught using them at recess and lunchtime. The student must collect the mobile phone and electronic devices from the front office when the final bell rings at 3.08.

6. If a student has a mobile phone and electronic devices **confiscated three or more times, the parent/guardian will need to come to the college to collect the phone** – it will not be returned to the student.