



SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student Mobile Phone Policy

1. Introduction

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As a communication device mobile phones, when used appropriately, offer students and their parents many advantages in terms of ease of communication and a sense of personal safety.

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However, mobile phones have the capacity to have a negative impact on the learning environment and the safety and wellbeing of students.

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This policy aims to establish guidelines for the use of student mobile phones within the school environment and aims to set out the responsibility of staff, parents and students.

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The use of mobile phones should not automatically be of concern. It is only if a mobile phone is used inappropriately that action will be necessary.

2. Appropriate Use

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A mobile phone is used inappropriately if it disrupts, or is likely to disrupt, the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school.

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Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person.

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Is in breach of the law.

3. Guidelines for Use

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Students should only have a mobile phone at school with the consent of their parent.

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Once at school, phones should be turned off while students are in class or in the playground and stored inside the student's school bag. Phones that ring or beep during the day disrupt the learning environment.

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Phones should not be turned on until a student leaves the school site.

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If a mobile phone is used inappropriately the phone will be given to the Principal and parents will need to collect the phone from school. The phone will be turned off and kept in a secure storeroom.

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Students must not lend a phone to another student for use as a phone, for text messaging or for use as a camera or video recording device. The student who owns the phone will be held responsible for its use.

4. Responsibility for Mobile Phones

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Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk – the school and staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage.

5. Related Technology

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The procedures applying to the inappropriate use and security of mobile phones, apply equally to the inappropriate use of portable computer games.

6. Introduction and Reinforcement of Mobile Phone Policy

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The community will be made aware of the policy via the newsletter.

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The policy will be published on the school's website.