

MOBILE TELEPHONE POLICY

4.8.18

RESPONSIBILITY: MANAGEMENT TEAM

Rationale:

In recognising the use of mobile telephones as a form of communication, there is a need to ensure students are aware of their responsibilities regarding the possession of mobile telephones at school and to provide rules for their appropriate use in the school buildings, the school grounds and all camps, tours and excursions.

Purpose:

- To protect the privacy of all Lilydale High School community members, particularly students and members of staff.
- To ensure the effective protection and supervision of all students.
- To provide rules for the appropriate use of mobile telephones in the context of Lilydale High School.
- To prevent any disruption to teaching and learning by the use of mobile telephones.
- To ensure students and their parents and guardians are aware of their responsibilities in relation to mobile telephones and Lilydale High School.
- To enable the effective provision of the school's curriculum.

Guidelines:

1. Should students' parents and guardians want their son or daughter to have a mobile telephone with them while traveling to and from school it is the intention of this policy to clearly set out the limitations pertaining to the mobile telephone in the context of Lilydale High School.
2. Students are not permitted to have a mobile telephone in their possession during school time. This includes class time, recess, lunchtime and directly before and after school. This in effect means from the time the student enters the school's grounds until the time the student leaves the school's grounds or from the time the student enters into the direct supervision of a teacher until such time as the student departs the teacher's direct supervision.
3. Any mobile telephone brought to school must be turned off as per guideline number 3 and stored in the student's locker. The mobile telephone may only be turned on as per guideline number 2 at the end of the school day once the student is no longer in the vicinity of the school and the school grounds.
4. No mobile telephone whatsoever may be taken on any school camp, tour or excursion. There will always be more than adequate means of communicating with any school camp, tour or excursion group.

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5. Where direct telephone contact between a student and their parent or guardian is required, the student can use the phone in the sub school offices depending on the circumstances and with the appropriate school approval.
6. The school would prefer the parent or guardian to leave messages via the school's office for their son or daughter. Every effort will be made to ensure the successful communication of the message.
7. No responsibility whatsoever is accepted by the school for the safety, storage or security of any mobile phone brought to school or taken on any school activity.
8. Any student in breach of guidelines 3, 4 and 5 will:-
 - 1st occasion - receive a Principal's detention
 - 2nd occasion - may be excluded for one or more school days
9. The student will be expected to complete all set work from all lessons missed during the period of the exclusion.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the school's administration in consultation with school community representative groups and the School Council.