

# NO MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

## Cell phones can be useful.

They can help people stay in touch with friends and family and access useful information.



## No phones at school

No phones are allowed at school from the time a student arrives at school until they leave school.

## No phones at break times

No phones can be used at break times. We want to ensure that digital harm does not happen in the playground.

## Smartwatches

Smartwatches can be worn at school but cannot be used like a phone. Notifications must be turned off.

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Students who can use their phone must need it to support their learning or for medical reasons (for example, diabetes monitoring). Parents should arrange this with their child's Dean.

## BUT at school they are a big distraction.

We want our students to make the most of their time at school. Without the distractions of a phone, we believe students are better able to engage in their learning.

### IF A PHONE IS CONFISCATED



Parents or caregivers must come into school and collect the phone. Phones can be collected after school. If a student has their phone confiscated, they cannot ask for it during the day or ask another teacher to get it for them.

### IF A STUDENT NEEDS TO CONTACT THEIR PARENTS



There is a student phone in the student office reception area for students to use if they need to call their parents.

### IF PARENTS NEED TO CONTACT THEIR CHILD



Parents can call the office to get messages through to their child(ren) and these messages can be passed on to students.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

While it can be helpful to stay connected with people, **it is not okay to use social media at school** (on a laptop) as it is a distraction from your learning.

Social media, including group chats, are sometimes used by people to say hurtful things or exclude others. It can have a negative impact on a person's ability to learn and feel positive about themselves and their learning.