

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale

Hilliard Christian School adopted the Mobile Phone Policy because:

- Mobile phones are widely used by students and may constitute a distraction to some;
- The impact of Mobile Phones on the School program must be minimised;
- Clear guidelines for the use of this technology must be established;
- Parent and student contact can be made through the office number throughout the day.

Aim

The Aims of the Mobile Phone Policy are to:

- Maintain a high quality of education;
- Allow the education process to continue uninterrupted;
- Protect student property by avoiding the possibility of having a phone stolen;
- Allow for the use of technology without interrupting the School program;

Policy Statement

The Mobile Phone Policy involves the following:

Primary Students:

1. All students must deposit their mobile phones at the office for safe keeping during the day. Hilliard Christian School will not be held responsible for loss or damage of mobile phones.

On first occasion:

- If a student's mobile phone is found for the first time, the student will be given a warning and the phone will be confiscated and handed into the office to be collected by the student at the end of the day.

On second occasion:

- If a student's mobile phone is found after the first time, the student will be given a Level 3 Consequence, the phone will be confiscated and handed into the office. The phone must be collected by a parent. If a parent is unable to pick up the phone, the phone will be stored at the office until a day where they can pick it up.

Secondary Students:

We encourage all students to deposit their mobile phones at the office for safe keeping during the day. Hilliard Christian School will not be held responsible for loss or damage of mobile phones.

On first occasion:

If a student's mobile phone is found for the first time, the student will be given a warning and the phone will be confiscated and handed into the office to be collected by the student at the end of the day. The student will be given a one-point demerit.

On second occasion:

- If a student's mobile phone is found after the first time, the student will be given another one-point demerit and the phone will be confiscated and handed into the office. The phone must be collected by a parent. If a parent is unable to pick up the phone, the phone will be stored at the office until a day where they can pick it up.
- 2. All students will be informed both verbally and in writing of the policy.
- 3. Where off-campus activities (camps and excursions) take place, during the day or overnight, the Mobile Phone Policy is to be followed for the duration of the activity. When a mobile phone is found on an off-campus activity, the phone will be confiscated and held for the duration of the trip. Mobile phones are not permitted for Primary camps of excursions.
- 4. At the discretion of the teacher, a class group may retrieve their mobile phones from the office to be used for educational purposes (compass, measuring applications etc.).
- 5. To ensure the phone does not create a distraction it is recommended that phones are turned off upon arrival at school and not turned on again until the end of school.
- 6. Communication between parents and students is to be made through the office.

All policies will be reviewed annually.