



STELLA MARIS POLICY ON STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Some parents wish their child to have a mobile phone. We do not encourage or require any child to have a mobile phone at school as we have good systems of communication should contact be necessary. Contrary to what some children tell their parents, most parents do not want their child to have a mobile phone at school.

We want all students to be safe at school. Mobile phones can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and therefore must be effectively managed. To protect ALL students, photos and videos must not be taken at events where students wear their school uniforms eg: on the school bus, at sporting events.

The School Office phone is available for students to make calls to parents before school, at recess and lunch times and after school should student contact with parents be necessary.

PROCEDURES

- Students are not to bring personal mobile phones to school unless parents, who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of a mobile phone, have given their permission.
- The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
- Students are not permitted to use a mobile phone on school property.
- Student mobile phones are to be given to the teacher for safe keeping whilst on school property.
- If a student uses a mobile phone contrary to this policy, it will be sent to the Principal's office and remain there until the parents come to collect it.
- The Principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school.

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