

Cell Phone Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a conducive learning environment in our school by minimizing distractions and disruptions caused using cell phones.

Policy Statement

1. **Cell phone usage:** Students are required to keep their cell phones switched off and stored away in their bags during school hours. This includes during class time, breaks, and any other school-related activities unless otherwise stated.
2. **Exception for the support of learning:** Cell phones may be used in the classroom only when explicitly permitted by the teacher for the purpose of supporting learning. This could include activities such as research, video capturing of learning evidence, educational apps, or digital assignments.
3. **Emergency use:** In case of an emergency, students should use the school's communication channels to contact parents/guardians. If a student needs to use their cell phone, they must receive permission from a staff member before making contact via cell phone.
4. **Non-compliance consequences:** Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to confiscation of the cell phone, parent meetings, or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the school pastoral care team.

Responsibility

All students, staff, and parents/guardians are expected to understand and adhere to this policy. It is the responsibility of the school staff to enforce this policy and the responsibility of the students to comply with it.

This policy aims to balance the benefits of cell phone technology with the potential distractions they can cause, thereby ensuring an optimal learning environment for all students. We appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.