



2018 SVC Mobile Phone Policy

Our priority is student safety, healthy relationships and positive learning.

Research has revealed there's a need to better regulate phone usage in and out of class because:

- Present experience in using apps on phones varies across subjects and ages.
- Phones can have a negative impact on playground dynamics
- Phones cause distractions, compromising safety (distracted pedestrians) and in some instances harm (relationships)
- Phones can compromise resilience/problem solving
- Parents and Educators worry about addiction and lack of self-regulation of teenagers
- Educating and regulation of phone usage is essential: protocols, educational enablers, risks.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Do's	STAGE 4		STAGE 5		STAGE 6	
Phone access	No phone access between start of tutor and end of P6 Phones must be kept in 'locked' lockers, on silent/ideally off			In pockets Only accessed within agreed zones		
Before/after school	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
In tutor	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Between class	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
In class	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES – with teacher OK	
Recess/lunch	NO	NO	NO	NO	LIMITED - At agreed places	
Co-curricular	YES - With permission		YES - With permission		YES - With permission	
Excursions	NO	NO	LIMITED - At agreed places		LIMITED - At agreed places	
Health Centre	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
At ALL TIMES, a student may go to Student Services or Head of House Offices to ask that a phone call needs to be made; this will allow an adult positioned in the care of the student to support and provide the opportunity for a phone call as required.						
Consequences						
Offence # 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone taken until 3:15pm of that day – name recorded • Student must turn phone off, teacher takes phone to Student Services • Student leave class at end of Period 6 to gather in Atrium, outside A2.28, for supervision until 3:15pm • At 3:15pm student is dismissed and then collects phone from Student Services 					
Offence # 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone taken until 3:15pm of that day – same process as above • Student incurs a Friday Responsibility Review/ Communication with parents/carers requiring acknowledgement 					