

Cessnock High School



STUDENT USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES

With the increasing use of mobile telephones throughout the community, it has become necessary to reaffirm the school's policy on mobile telephones at school.

- Students do not need to bring mobile telephones to school.
- If students choose to bring mobile telephones, ipods, MP3 players etc, to school they do so at their own risk. Students must ensure that these items are kept secure at all times. The school will not be responsible for the loss of these items.
- If students have mobile telephones, ipods, MP3 players, at school they must be switched off and kept in their bag during class time.
- Under no circumstances are mobile phones to be used to take photographs, video or voice recordings at school.
- Under no circumstances are mobile telephones to be taken into any examination or assessment tasks.
- The management of mobile telephones on excursions and sporting visits will be at the discretion of the organiser.
- If a student needs to have their mobile telephone switched on to receive an urgent telephone call, then the following procedures are to be followed:
 - A note from their parent/s must be brought to school explaining, in full, the urgency of the situation.
 - This note must be presented to the Deputy Principal (Ms Hiscock: Year 8, 10 & 12; Ms Scott: Years 7, 9 & 11). If approved, the Deputy Principal will counter sign the note. The note is then to be presented to the class teacher/s for approval, at the beginning of the lesson/s.
 - If the teacher approves the potential disruption to class by a ringing mobile telephone, the student must sit in the seat nearest the door. If the telephone rings, the student is to politely and quietly leave the room to answer the telephone.
 - The mobile telephone is to be switched off after taking the call and placed securely in the student's bag.
- If a student does not comply with the above procedures, their teacher will sensitively and tactfully take their mobile telephone. The phone can be collected from the school office at the end of the day. A class detention will be the consequence for this behaviour.
- Staff are expected to have their mobile telephones switched off during class time, except in the case of an absolute emergency.

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Principal

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