

# Mobile Phones and Accessories Student Use

## MOBILE PHONES AND ACCESSORIES

Mobile Phones and Accessories can create a range of hazards when brought into the College environment, including but not limited to:

- they are valuable items that can easily be lost, stolen or damaged;
- Mobile Phones and Accessories can be used inappropriately to bully, intimidate or harass people, having serious consequences which may include police involvement;
- Mobile Phone and Accessories usage disrupts learning for the phone user, as well as fellow students and staff;
- face to face interaction between students and staff and peers is limited; causing anti-social behaviours, misunderstanding and overuse of screen time; and
- use of Mobile Phones and Accessories may impact the mental and social health and wellbeing of a young person.

## TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE'S POLICY

Tatachilla Lutheran College acknowledges parents/caregivers may wish their child to carry a Mobile Phone and Accessories for personal safety reasons as they travel to and from school, although the right of a student to have access to a Mobile Phone and Accessories at school must be balanced with the responsibility to use it appropriately.

Parents/Caregivers are requested not to contact students by mobile phone during the school day. If parents/caregivers need to urgently contact a student, they are to follow normal procedures and contact the College Student Services Office (SSO), who will then contact the student as required.

It is our policy that:

- students must sign and return an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Agreement before they are permitted to bring their Mobile Phones and Accessories to school;
- Mobile Phones and Accessories are brought to school at the owner's own risk. No liability will be accepted by the College in the event of loss, theft or damage of the phone;
- staff should be alerted and exceptions requested if a student has special circumstances requiring the use of their Mobile Phone and Accessories during school hours (e.g. health issues which requires a medical certificate);
- Mobile Phones and Accessories must not be brought into exams or class assessments (even if they are turned off or on silent mode);



- Mobile Phones and Accessories must not be used inappropriately. Refer to our Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Cyber Safety, Information and Communication Technology Policies, and Social Media Student Usage Policy;
- cameras on mobile devices are not to be used within the College grounds and in particular, where it would be considered inappropriate, such as in changerooms and/or toilets;
- students should never photograph or record any person without their permission, including students and staff; and
- parents/caregivers are to be informed that in cases of emergency, the College remains an appropriate point of contact to reach their child quickly.

#### Year Level Practices

- **Junior School Students**  
Reception to Year 6 students are not to bring Mobile Phones and Accessories to school. If a Mobile Phone and Accessories are brought to school, it must be handed into their Class Teacher.
- **Year 7-10 Students**  
Year 7 to 10 students are not to bring Mobile Phones and Accessories to school. If a Mobile Phone and Accessories are brought to School, it must be stored in a securely locked locker and not used throughout the school day.
- **Year 11 -12 Students**  
Mobile Phones and Accessories may only be used by students before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks in the allocated spaces. Mobile Phones and Accessories must be kept stored in a securely locked locker during all class time.

## CONSEQUENCES

Reports of all incidents of misuse of Mobile Phones and Accessories will be recorded and retained on the student's file, and the Behaviour Support Flowchart will be actioned.

## RELATED POLICIES

Bullying Prevention & Intervention Policy  
Cyber Safety Policy  
Information & Communication Technology Policy  
Social Media Policy  
Photography & Video Policy

