



STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES - SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mobile phones can create a range of hazards when brought to College:

- They are valuable items that can easily be lost, stolen or damaged in the College environment;
- Using phones inappropriately to bully, intimidate or harass people can have serious consequences including police involvement; and
- Mobile phone usage in Colleges not only disrupts learning for the phone user but also for fellow students.

Penrhos College's Policy

Penrhos College acknowledges that many students will own a mobile phone and that this phone will be used by parents and their daughter as a means of communication. The College understands that contact between parents and their daughter is necessary as she may use public transport to and from school and/or she may participate in co-curricular activities that take place before and/or after the school day. During the school day, in some curriculum areas, under teacher direction, mobile phone technology may be used by students.

Therefore, the College does permit students to bring their mobile phones/iPods into the school. The College, however, does not see a need for mobile phones to be used to access non-educational social networking sites and to conduct social interactions during the school day and requests that students and parents abide by the following;

- Mobile phones/iPods may be used by students before and after school.
- Secondary School students are permitted to use their mobile phone/iPod in class for curriculum purposes when under teacher direction.
- Students are not permitted to use a mobile phone/iPod in between classes, in assemblies, meetings, chapel, form periods, private study, recess and lunch time.
- Students who use their mobile phone/iPod inappropriately during the school day will have the item confiscated
- and it will be held at Secondary Reception for two school days, during school hours.
- Students can make emergency telephone calls during the school day from Secondary School Reception.
- Parents are asked to phone Secondary Reception if they need to communicate with their daughter during the school day.
- Parents are asked to support this procedure by not texting or calling their daughter during school hours.
- With teacher permission, students in Years 9-12 may use their iPod in class.
- Students are reminded that the security of their mobile phone/iPod is their responsibility if they choose to bring it to school.

Please note: smart watches may have similar capabilities as a smart phone and are therefore not permitted to be worn by students at school.