



CELL PHONE POLICY

Grade Six and Seven learners are afforded the privilege of bringing cell phones to school. Learners in the rest of the school are prohibited from bringing their cell phones to school (unless official permission has been granted by the school). If a decision is made to bring a cell phone to school, then the onus is on the learner to ensure the safekeeping and security of the cell phone. A lost or stolen cell phone does not become the responsibility of the school.

Procedure when bringing a cell phone to school:

- Cell phones must be switched off on the school premises.
- Learners are expected to hand in their 'switched off' cell phones first thing in the morning. The class teacher will lock it away in a secure space and return it at the end of the school day.
- In cases of emergency, calls may be made in the presence of a teacher.
- Learners may not exchange cell phone numbers or view content on cell phones on the school premises.
- Cell phones may not be visible at sport practices and matches.

If these concessions are not adhered to, the following sanctions will apply:

- **1st offence** - cell phone will be confiscated, parents will be contacted and will be required to retrieve the cell phone from the school
- **2nd offence** - cell phone will be confiscated until the end of the term, parents will be contacted and will be expected to retrieve the phone (at the end of the term)
- **3rd offence** - learner will be prohibited from bringing a cell phone to school, parents will be contacted to retrieve the cell phone after one term

These procedures have been put in place to prevent disruption to the academic process in the class, and to ensure that our learners do not have unsupervised access to internet or social media sites.