



# Swallowcliffe P-7

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## SWALLOWCLIFFE SCHOOL

### Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices Policy

#### **Rationale:**

Swallowcliffe School recognise that some parents/caregivers request that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for their safety before and after school. We also recognise that mobile phones and other electronic devices (tablets, music players, cameras, laptops etc.) are invaluable teaching tools. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in a safe environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions.

These devices, when used irresponsibly also present the potential for risk to individuals, groups and the school culture. Students have considerable access to a variety of media and technology to support their learning.

#### **Aim:**

To inform all members of our school community about the appropriate use of mobile phones and electrical devices at our school.

#### **Expectations and Protocols:**

- Students are discouraged from bringing expensive personal items and electronic devices to our school.
- Swallowcliffe School have adequate landline and administrative procedures to fulfil the need for students to give and receive information by phone during school hours.
- Our core business is to promote and support teaching and learning in an environment that is free from disruptions, risk of harassment and/or bullying.
- Mobile phones and other electrical devices remain entirely at the owner's risk but must be handed to the class teacher upon arrival in class, to be secured during school hours in classrooms.
- Students are not to take mobile devices on camps, functions (including graduation) or excursions.
- Devices should not be taken into teaching areas or be used for teaching purposes without the consent of the Principal and/or teaching staff.
- Neither staff nor Governing Council will be involved in disputes or investigation regarding damage, loss or theft of these devices.
- Adults using mobile phones should switch their phone to silent during teaching, meetings, interviews etc. The making and receiving of phone calls should be limited to outside face to face teaching times.
- Staff members will have access to mobile phones on camps and excursions.

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- Any breaches of this policy by students will result in the device being confiscated from students by a staff member and the parents advised that they can be collected from the principal.

## Review:

This policy has been endorsed by the Governing Council.

This policy will be reviewed and updated as required ie due to new information.

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