



Ocean View College B-12

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale and Purpose

Ocean View College acknowledges that mobile phones and other communication devices feature significantly in the lives of our students, families and the wider community. The purpose of this policy is to set out clear expectations regarding the acceptable use of mobile phones and other communication devices at school, excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities. These expectations are underpinned by Ocean View College's Behaviour Pillars – Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Mobiles phone and other communications devices are only to be used for the purpose of supporting classroom learning and other school-based activities and must have the expressed permission of the supervising teacher.

What students need to know and do:

- Mobile phones (and earbuds) should not be visible, heard or used in class unless with the permission or direction from the teacher.
- Students may access their phones at recess and lunchtime and naturally, before and after school.
- Students who bring mobile phones (or other devices) to school must accept sole responsibility for their care. As with any other personal items, the school cannot take any responsibility for phones that are lost, damaged or stolen.
- Senior students may have access to their phones in study lessons with permission from the study-line teacher. Students must not distract others with loud music, texting, posting or calling during lesson time.
- Some areas of the school have a complete ban on mobile phone use due to safety issues. You will be informed of learning area safety requirements by your teacher.
- Students' commitment to developing appropriate phone etiquette in line with these expectations is expected and appreciated.
- Consequences for refusal to adhere to these expectations will be in line with the Ocean View College behaviour policy.



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What parents need to know and do:

- Parents are asked to support the school by making it clear to their child that learning in class is paramount and that phones are not seen or being used unless with teacher permission.
- If a parent needs to contact their child urgently, they should contact the schools sub-school area and the Administrator (Sub School Secretary) will locate the child to pass on the message.

Students must not:

- Take photos of other students without their permission. This includes changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools.
- Video student or staff activities and conversations without their knowledge and permission.
- Distribute these images or videos to social media sites or applications.
- Send harassing or threatening messages or images to others.

Thank you for your support in the implementation of the revised policy. For further clarification, please contact the relevant Head of School.

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