



*In partnership with parents Strathalbyn Christian College aims to make known the Lordship of Jesus Christ through excellence in education to equip students for works of service ~ College Mission Statement.*

### Rationale

The College recognises that many parents wish their child to have access to a mobile phone, which can be used before or after school in the case of emergency or for contact purposes.

Mobile phones can be a distraction to students in the course of their learning journey so this Policy is used to regulate student use of mobile phones during school hours whilst students are at the College.

### Scope

The Policy applies to all students who attend Strathalbyn Christian College.

### References

#### Related Policy and Procedure

1. Family Handbook
2. Staff Handbook

This Policy was introduced in May 2014 (version 1.0)  
Next due for revision in Term 3, 2017.

## Policy

1. The College does not permit students to use a mobile phone during school hours (8.20am to 3.00pm) whilst on College grounds during school terms.
2. Students are not permitted to have a mobile phone on their person or to take a mobile phone into a classroom under any circumstances.
3. Should students be discovered using a mobile phone, or having it on their person, during school hours, the mobile phone will be confiscated and handed to Student Services:
  - 3.1 The staff member will give the confiscated mobile phone to Student Services.
  - 3.2 Student Services will contact parents to request they come and collect the mobile phone. Mobile phones will only be returned to parents (not to a student).
  - 3.3 When parents collect the mobile phone from Student Services, they will be required to sign a "Mobile Phone Parent Declaration" (see Appendix A).
4. Consequences for students in breach of the Mobile Phone Policy:
  - 4.1 First Offence: Mobile phone is confiscated and given to Student Services who contact parents to collect mobile phone.
  - 4.2 Second Offence: Mobile phone confiscated for 2 weeks\*
  - 4.3 Third Offence: Mobile phone confiscated for 4 weeks\*
  - 4.4 Fourth Offence: Mobile phone confiscated for 1 term (10 weeks)\*

*\* NOTE: Mobile phones confiscated for second, third and fourth offences will be kept at the College and returned to parents at the end of the confiscation period.*
5. The College takes no responsibility for student mobile phones brought into the College grounds.
6. Lockers are provided for secondary students to provide safekeeping for their personal belongings. Primary students may take their mobile phone to Student Services before school begins each day, and collect it again at 3.00pm if parents don't wish mobile phones to be stored in school bags. Secondary students may also leave phones at Student Services during the day should parents prefer this.
7. The Policy also applies if students are off campus on College excursions during school hours.

Appendix A

MOBILE PHONE

Parent Declaration

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that my child, named above, is in breach of the College Mobile Phone Policy and has been caught using a mobile phone during school hours on College grounds.

I understand that the confiscated mobile phone is being returned to me on the understanding that if my child breaches the College Mobile Phone Policy again the mobile phone will be confiscated for the following periods:

- Second Offence: 2 weeks
- Third Offence: 1 month (4 weeks)
- Fourth Offence: 1 term (10 weeks)

I understand that mobile phones confiscated for second, third and fourth offences will be kept at the College and returned to parents at the end of the confiscation period.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

This form is linked to the Mobile Phone Policy PR 5.7, last revised in May 2014.  
If any changes are made to this form, the Policy document should be amended at the same time.