

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

### POLICY CONTEXT:

This policy outlines the appropriate use of mobile phones in our College. It should be read in conjunction with the EREA Acceptable Use Policy - Information Communication Technology.

### OBLIGATIONS:

EREA Charter

### POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Mobile phone use at St Brendan's will accord with the following principles:

1. The College recognises that many students and their families own mobile phones;
2. The College also recognises that some parents/carers request that their son(s) bring mobile phones to school for before and after school safety/security reasons;
3. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions;
4. The College is prepared to allow mobile phones on the premises but only within the parameters of its policy and procedure relating to mobile phone use;
5. It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. The College may consider it appropriate to involve the police should this occur.

### POLICY STATEMENT:

1. A mobile phone will be used inappropriately if it disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school; or threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well-being of any person; or is in breach of any law;
2. Violation of the Mobile Phone Policy will result in appropriate consequences being applied as per the procedures.

### POLICY SCOPE & IMPLEMENTATION:

This policy applies to all College students, but is the responsibility of all members of the College community:

1. Staff will:
  - a. Ensure they understand the College policy of mobile phone use;
  - b. Take consistent and fair measures to help students follow the procedure;
  - c. Report to parents / carers on repeated or serious breaches of College policy;
  - d. During teaching time, while on playground duty and during meetings, mobile phones will be switched off or put on 'silent' or 'discreet' mode.



2. The Students will:

- a. Be responsible for following policy, procedure and guidelines on mobile phone use;
- b. Switch off mobile phones during the school day unless directed by a staff member;
- c. Be aware of consequences of non-compliance to the mobile phone policy and procedure;
- d. Remain responsible for all of their personal effects whilst at school.

3. The Parents/Caregivers will:

- a. Undertake to support the College policy by ensuring their son complies with policy and procedure;
- b. In case of an emergency, contact with the school office is essential to ensure the child is reached quickly and assisted in appropriately.

4. The College Board will:

- a. Participate in the development, implementation and review of this Policy.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017



**Board Chair**



**Principal**