

Phoenix Academy is committed to providing a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore Phoenix is prepared to allow mobile phones in the school but **only according to the policy stated below**. This policy applies equally to the inappropriate use of portable computers, iphones, ipods and similar devices.

- Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- Students should have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight during classes (unless arranged otherwise with their teacher).
- Students should only use their mobile phones before or after school, or during breaks.
- Students in High School Preparation must hand their phones to their teacher at the beginning of every day.

Students will have their phones confiscated until the end of the school day if they:

- Use their phone in class without having their teacher's permission.
- Photograph or film other individuals without their consent.
- Download or display inappropriate material including pornographic images.
- Send intimidating, harassing or threatening text messages (sms) or multimedia messages (mms).

Students remain responsible for all of their personal effects when at school and should make sure that their phones are always stored in a safe and secure place. Mobile phones are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, damaged or stolen mobile phones. Any phones that are found in the school must be handed in to Student Services (Carr 4).

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. The school may consider it appropriate to involve the police.