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Dear Parents/Guardians

**RE: THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL.**

I am writing in regards to students with mobile phones at school. Sadly, in today's world we totally understand the need to be able to communicate with your children when in need, especially when travelling to and from school. However, we do have some concerns with students bringing a mobile phone to school.

**The security of the phone.** If your child does need to bring a phone to school, they need to bring into the Administration Office to be placed in a locked drawer for safe keeping. The children can collect the phone upon dismissal. If a phone remains in a school bag or left in a classroom locker, the school will not take responsibility for theft or breakage. The office staff have asked for the phone to be in a phone cover for protection and easy identification.

**Incorrect use of the mobile phone (and iPad) during school time.** Some students have been using either their phone or iPad to be messaging home or other students during school time. If a parent wishes to give their child a message, just call the office and this message will be passed on to your child.

Please take these simple rules relating to the use of mobile phones on board in the interest of promoting the safety of all students at all times. As part of the Technology Agreement for Years Four – Six, students are asked to adhere to, in regards to the use of iPads, these rules also apply to mobile phones. Whereas we do promote the use of technology, we are also aware of the external concerns that are associated with the use of social media. So we ask the use of the mobile phone and iPad be restricted to a 'needs basis'.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

If you have any concerns in regards to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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