



# MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

*"Achieving Personal Excellence Through Quality Teaching"*

## **Mobile Phone and Other Technology Use Policy**

Model Farms High School recognises that many parents wish their son or daughter to carry a mobile phone. If a student brings a phone to school he/she must ensure the mobile phone **is TURNED OFF (at all times)** and **NOT USED** during school hours; between 8.30am and the end of the school day. This includes recess and lunch times.

Authorised usage of electronic devices is permitted only under the direct instruction of your teacher, including video and audio recording.

The school takes no responsibility for the security of mobile phones. They are brought to school at the owner's risk.

If parents need to contact students they are to phone the school on 9624 3133. Students must not use their phone to contact parents during school hours. In an emergency students can gain access to a phone by asking a member of staff.

The use of mobile phones at school can lead to problems such as:

- Security/theft
- Harassment
- Distraction in class
- Social division
- Cheating in exams

In accordance with NESA's policies, students may not have a mobile phone with them in any room where an examination is being conducted.

Repeated failure to observe the regulations in relation to mobile phones will result in after school detention.

Mobile phones used in breach of these rules will be confiscated to be collected at the end of the school day or as soon as practicable. Parents will be required to personally collect the phones of repeat offenders.

It is recommended that MP3/IPODS devices not be brought to school. They are to be **TURNED OFF and NOT VISIBLE** at any time while students are on the school grounds. Any breach of these conditions will result in the device being confiscated to be collected at the end of the school day or as soon as practicable. Parents will be required to personally collect the device of repeat offenders. The school will take no responsibility for lost or stolen devices.

Students bringing BYOD devices to school are **NOT PERMITTED** to use their device to play games at any time, including recess and lunch times. If a student wishes to use their device at recess or lunch to complete school work they must do so in the library.