

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE AND MP3/IPOD 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 time, including lunch and recess.

The phone cannot be used at school for any purpose 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 Board of Studies policy, 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 players 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 MP3/IPOD player 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 MP3/IPOD players of repeat offenders. The school can take no responsibility for lost or stolen IPODS

Student Laptops

All students with laptops sign an agreement on the use of their laptop. A copy of this agreement can be found on the school webpage www.modelfarms.schools.nsw.edu.au/policies.

Consequences for failing to comply with laptop rules may include:

1. Payment for damage or loss of the laptop
2. Confiscation of laptop
3. School sanctions including suspension from school for serious breaches