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Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones and MP3 Players Policy

This policy has been developed to cater for the changing needs of students and the use of their mobile phones and MP3 players (including Ipods) at school. Esperance Senior High School acknowledges the need for some students to have a mobile phone, and as a result this policy is put into place for their acceptable use at school. All students and parents of Esperance Senior High School are asked to abide by this policy for the safety of all.

Acceptable Uses

- ❖ Mobile Phones are to be *switched off* during all lessons.
- ❖ Exceptions may be permitted in exceptional circumstances, should the parent/guardian specifically request it. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and should be directed to a Deputy Principal or the Student Services Coordinator. **Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the Esperance Senior High School Office (Ph: 90719555) remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in any way.**
- ❖ Acceptable use of mobile phones includes recess and lunchtime. Students are expected to use their mobile phones responsibly during this time.
- ❖ MP3 Players - Students may use their MP3 players, including ipods, during class time *only* for curriculum purposes and *only* under the direction of the class teacher.
- ❖ Students can use their MP3 players at recess and lunch times.

Unacceptable Uses and Consequences

- ❖ Disruptions to lessons that are caused by a mobile phone will result in the responsible student facing disciplinary action. Mobile phones will be confiscated from the student for the remainder of the day. All confiscated mobile phones are to be collected from the Front Office Staff at the **end of the day**.
- ❖ Any student/s caught using a mobile phone to cheat in exams or assessments will face disciplinary action.
- ❖ Students with mobile phones must not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, post private information about another person or take/send photos or objectionable images through the use of phone calls or SMS messages,. Students using mobile phones to bully other students will face disciplinary action at school and will be reported to the police.
- ❖ The use of mobile cameras (still and video) to film people and their activities without their knowledge and/or permission is an invasion of privacy and will not be allowed.

- ❖ Any student found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended immediately.
- ❖ Any student using their MP3 player, including ipods or similar technology, in class time without teacher permission will be asked to cease doing so. Failure to do so can incur temporary confiscation of the item by the class teacher or a disciplinary consequence e.g. after school detention.

Theft or Damage

- ❖ Students are required to mark their mobile phone with their name.
- ❖ Mobile phones which are found in the school and whose owner cannot be located are to be handed to a Deputy Principal or the Front Office Staff.
- ❖ Esperance Senior High School accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones, this includes travelling to and from school.
- ❖ It is strongly advised that students use passwords/pin to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones (eg by other students, or if stolen). Students must keep their password/pin confidential. Mobile phones and/or passwords may not be shared. Esperance SHS accepts no responsibility for unacceptable use of mobile phones, resulting from the sharing of passwords/pin.

Please note:

Confiscated mobile phones will be held in a locked area by the Front Office Staff. Mobile phones can be collected from the Front Office Staff at the end of the day.