



Katherine High School

### Responsible Use: Policy - Mobile Phones

The school acknowledges that guardians/parents provide mobile phones to their children for safety and organisational reasons. To support responsible use, students are required to use their phones in accordance with the following conditions:

- Students are permitted to use their mobile phones before school, at breaks and after school (whether for calls, texts or as iPods). Parents and students should be aware that lost, damaged or stolen phones are not the responsibility of the school. This includes any phones held at reception.
- Students are not allowed to use, or have mobile phones/devices turned on in class time unless permitted by the classroom teacher. They must remain in the student's bag always. Students must also keep their phones in their bags between classes. Travelling between classes is not considered a break. A staff member can confiscate the phone should a student be using their phone without authorisation and/or not in adherence with this policy.
- Confiscated phones will need to be collected by a parent or carer at the office. Continuous or repeated breaches of the phone policy will result in a phone ban for an allocated period with the student not being able to bring their phone to school.
- Students are not allowed to take photographs or film other students or staff on their phone or another electronic device apart from schoolwork which is assessable. Breaches of this condition will result in immediate suspension.
- Students are not to access social media sites on their phone/device while at school.
- **While this policy does not cover student access to social media sites out of school hours, the school will however report these incidents to police if they adversely affect learning and behaviour of students at school.**
- Students are not allowed to charge their phones at school.
- The use of mobile phones on excursions and camps will be at the discretion of the teacher in charge. The teacher in charge will instruct students as to when they can use their phones. Phones will predominantly be used for emergency communication and to be able to communicate with their parents/carers and family members. The phone policy and associated consequences still apply in the event of student misuse.