Both the staff and school council strongly discourage students from bringing expensive personal items to our school.

They acknowledge the safety and communication reasons for having a mobile phone.

However they consider that the school’s landline satisfies the need for students to give and receive information during school hours.

The core business of our school is to promote and support teaching and learning in an environment free from unnecessary distraction and disruption.

Mobile telephones and other electronic devices that are brought to school remain entirely at the owner’s risk.

Neither staff nor school council will be involved in disputes or investigations regarding damage, loss or theft of these devices.

They should not be taken into teaching and learning areas.

All mobile phones should be switched to mute or discreet during meetings, interviews etc.

The making and receiving of mobile telephone calls should be done, except in emergencies, outside teaching and learning areas.

For security reasons staff members will have access to a mobile phone while on camps and excursions.

Requests for exemption from this policy must be made in writing to the principal. Exemptions will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

Any breaches of this policy will result in the mobile phone being confiscated from students by a staff member and the parents advised that they can collect it from the principal.

This policy applies equally to all DECS employees, visitors, volunteers, contractors etc.

It will be reviewed as required.