



## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

While it is understandable that some parents provide mobile phones to their children for safety and other reasons; we must protect the safety of all students in our school.

Not only is mobile phone use disruptive, using mobile phone cameras (still and mobile) to film people is an invasion of privacy and will not be allowed.

**Students found involved in recording, distributing or uploading images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended immediately for a minimum of two school days.** The phone will be confiscated and a parent/carer will need to come to the school to retrieve the phone from the Associate Principal.

All students at Balcatta Senior High School are expected to use technology, including mobile phones and the internet, appropriately.

Below is the mobile phone policy for Balcatta Senior High School. The Balcatta Senior High School, School Board and the Balcatta Senior High School P&C Association support and accept this policy.

- We reluctantly acknowledge that students bring mobile phones to school. However, mobile phones must be turned off during all classes. Such devices are not to interfere with the teaching and learning program.
- Students bring mobile phones to school **at their own risk**.
- Mobile phones should be out of sight and turned off during all lessons.
- If mobile phones are on or being used in class they will be confiscated from the student for the rest of the school day. A student who repeatedly has a phone confiscated will require a parent to pick up the phone.
- Refusal to hand a phone to a staff member, if it has been used inappropriately will result in the school's Behaviour Management Policy being implemented.
- Students found involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos and images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be suspended immediately. The phone will be confiscated and a parent/carer will need to come to school to retrieve the phone from the Associate Principal.
- Phones used to bully students may be subjected to confiscation.
- All students at Balcatta Senior High School are expected to use technology, including mobile phones and the internet, appropriately.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for any loss, theft or damage to a student's mobile phone or SIM Card. **Any damage, theft or loss is the parent/carer's responsibility.**
- The policy for mobile phones applies to MP3 players, iPods, DSI's, hand held game consoles, bluetooth speakers, etc. It is strongly suggested that students do not bring valuables such as these to school.