

### Background information

All students at Mount Stromlo High School bring their own devices to school (BYOD). These devices, primarily Chromebooks and iPads, are used to enhance learning in our classrooms.

Students were previously allowed to bring mobile phones to school and use them as a learning device at the teacher's discretion in what was known as the "traffic light system". This system was designed for a pre-BYOD environment and is no longer appropriate. Teachers have found that mobile phones in the classroom detract from learning, being a major source of distraction for students. As all students now bring a device (Chromebook or iPad) to school, we no longer believe it is necessary for students to use a mobile phone in the classroom. We have Chromebooks to lend to students who have an issue with their device and need a temporary replacement.

### Appropriate use of Mobile Phones

- Phones are not to be used in the classroom. Phones should not be visible or audible during class time. All phones must be in bags and on silent.
- Mobile phones are not to be used (or visible) inside toilet blocks or change rooms.
- Contact with parents and carers in case of illness or an emergency is to be made through the Front Office staff, as they can ensure the student is reached quickly and that appropriate procedures are followed. Other communications such as pick-up arrangements can also be made through the front office or directly to students during break times (11-11:30am and 1:30-2pm). Please be aware students will not be able to respond to text messages until break times.
- Students are not to take photos, video or audio of anyone during the school day without express permission from a teacher and the person whose digital image is captured.
- The school does not accept liability in the event of loss, theft or damage of a phone.

### If a phone is used inappropriately, staff will:

- Remind the student to put the phone in their bag.
- If student has phone out a second time, the teacher will confiscate the phone for the remainder of the lesson.
- If student refuses to cooperate with the teacher, the behavior will be dealt with as non-compliance and may result in lunchtime or afterschool detention, parent/carers meetings and a behaviour contract completed with executive teacher.
- Repeated infringements will require the student and parents/carers to meet with the Principal to determine a suitable management plan including leaving the phone at home or at the Front Office during school hours.

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