

Rationale:

Lowanna College accepts that many students carry a mobile phone with them. Such devices can disrupt the learning of the owner and others within a learning space. This policy outlines the expectation of those carrying a mobile phone during school hours in consideration of the right of others to teach and learn.

Aim:

To explain to our school community Lowanna College's policy requirements and expectations regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students, at school or during school activities.

Implementation:

1. This policy applies to all students at Lowanna College.
2. Lowanna College understands that students may bring a mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school or to extra-curricular activities. During school hours, mobile phones must be:
 - a. switched off, and carried on the student's person, or
 - b. locked securely in the student's locker.
3. Students are permitted to access their mobile phones during lunchtime and recess only, unless otherwise authorised by a supervising teacher (e.g.) where phones may be used for e-learning or other learning activities.
4. Mobile phones must not be used:
 - a. during class or assemblies, in the library, or in any way that disrupts the learning of others;
 - b. to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls;
 - c. to engage in inappropriate social media use, including cyber bullying;
 - d. to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission.
5. Any incidents of inappropriate mobile phone use by students during class time will result in the following disciplinary measures:
 - a. First Incident: Classroom teacher will confiscate student's mobile phone and store securely, with collection by student at the end of the period.
 - b. Second Incident: Classroom teacher will confiscate student's mobile phone and store securely in the relevant Mini School, with collection by student at the end of the day.
 - c. Third Incident (and beyond): Classroom teacher will confiscate student's mobile phone and store securely in the relevant Mini School, with collection by parent or guardian at the end of the day.
 - d. Students who refuse to follow classroom teacher instructions and comply with the abovementioned disciplinary measures will be exited from class immediately.

6. Consequences consistent with our school's 'Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures', 'Bullying and Harassment Policy' and the 'Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy' may also be issued to students who use their mobile phone inappropriately.
7. Students are responsible for items brought to school, including their mobile phone. Please note that the Lowanna College does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items, including mobile phones that may be brought to school.

Evaluation:

This policy can undergo a minor review at any time, with a major review as part of the College's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by College Council on 17 September 2018.