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We do not recommend that students bring cellphones to school. Cellphones are not necessary to have during the day as we are a school that provides 1:1 digital devices for our students and do not deem cell phones as being needed for learning activities. However we do understand that some parents like their children to have a phone to communicate with them after 3pm, particularly around travel arrangements.

Therefore, If a student does bring a phone to school, the following guidelines apply:

- If a student brings a phone to school they must be kept in the bag and turned off at all times. If a student is observed with a phone, they will be asked to take it to the office and then parents will be instructed to collect it from there. If a parent needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office.
- Cell phones must not be used on the school bus.

### **Inappropriate cellphone use**

If a student is observed using a phone inappropriately, it will be confiscated and a parent must pick up the phone from the office. All rights to bring a cell phone to school will be revoked for the remainder of the year.

Inappropriate use of a cellphone may include:

- any sort of bullying, e.g. disrespectful messages about staff or other students
- taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- forwarding inappropriate messages or content.