Brigidine College
Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale
Any electronic device, including College laptop/tablet and mobile phones, can be used at the College for educational purposes during school hours 8:25am-3:10pm. The following are not considered educational purposes:

- Phone calls
- Texting
- Photos
- Videos
- YouTube

If you need to use a device during Morning Tea or Lunch, you can only do this in the Library or under the supervision of a teacher.

Brigidine College accepts that parents give their daughters mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also ever-increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that the student can contact a parent whilst waiting to be collected after school, or travelling home.

Unacceptable Use

- Any student caught using a mobile phone to cheat in exams or assessments will be called to explain their actions with the Deputy Principal Curriculum and the Curriculum Leader in that subject.

- It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, bully, harass or offend another person. Hence, students with mobile phones must not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and phone calls. Any breach of this, the student will meet with the Deputy Principal Pastoral and/or referred to the Queensland Police.

- Students must not have inappropriate images/videos on their mobile phone, nor send such material to other phones.

- Infringements of the points above will require an interview with the parents and the Deputy Principal Pastoral. If these actions result in the matter being referred to the police, the parent(s) will be informed as a matter of urgency.

- The College accepts no responsibility for loss or for replacing mobile phones that are lost, stolen or damaged whilst on College premises or on College sponsored functions. The College accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile phones stolen while travelling to and from school.
• It is strongly advised that students use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones (e.g. by other students, or if stolen). Students must keep their password/pin numbers confidential. Mobile phones and/or passwords must not be shared.

Sanctions

Students infringing the rules noted above will have their phone confiscated. It will be taken to the Pastoral Leader for safekeeping. The student may collect her phone from her Pastoral Leader at 3:10pm on that day. The student will also receive a lunchtime detention.