

Belmont City College Mobile Phone Policy

The position of the college is that mobile phones should not be brought to school. The college takes no responsibility for loss or theft of such items. If these devices are brought to school, it is expected that they will be switched off and kept out of sight. This extends to headphones, speakers and other peripheral devices which should also be kept away while at school.

The college views the inappropriate use of mobile phones as serious offences. Repeated failure to comply with these requirements will result in appropriate responses which may include confiscation, request for parent meetings and other measures.

Students may be found to be involved in filming, distributing or uploading inappropriate and/or illegal images or videos of students, parents or staff. This includes material that is violent, pornographic, racist, sexist, inflammatory, threatening, hateful, obscene or abusive in nature, or which promotes or encourages illegal activities. In such circumstances, the principal will:

- promptly address the online publication of inappropriate material about staff or students by:
 - reporting it to the relevant webmaster or authorities;
 - if it involves another school, reporting it to the principal of that school;
 - keeping a record of the nature and location of the inappropriate material; and
 - hiding/removing/deleting it whenever possible;
- treat the filming, distribution or uploading as a serious breach of school discipline by the student and suspend them from school
- make a report via the Online Incident Notification System as soon as practicable;
- communicate with, and offer support to, school staff, students and others as required; and
- report any illegal activity to the police

Exemptions for the use of mobile phones during school time can apply for students to monitor a health condition as part of a school approached documented health care plan