Mobile Phone and Related Technology Policy

Mobile phones and related technology are a common part of our society, and as such Newman SHS encourages the responsible use of mobile phones and related technology and recognises that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and useful for students to have access to a mobile phone. During class time however, mobile phones should remain on silent and are only to be used in classrooms for educational purposes, under the instruction of the teacher. Under Education Department Policy, students are not permitted to use digital devices to record images, video or audio of another person without the permission of that person involved.

1. Students found using mobile phones during class time, without the permission of their teacher, will have the item confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

2. Phones confiscated for the third time and beyond will need to be collected from the front office by a parent or guardian.

3. Phones used in breach of Education Department Policy, and in breach of NSHS code of conduct will be confiscated, and will need to be collected from the front office by a parent or guardian.

Student responsibilities:

- When in the classroom, students are required to keep their electronic devices inaudible, and are not to use them for any reason, unless the teacher allows their use for approved educational purposes.
- No calls or texts messages are to be made or taken during class time. Emergency calls by parents are to be directed to the front office.
- Students are solely responsible for the security of their mobile phones and related technology. The school will not accept any liability for the loss or theft of these devices.

Parent responsibilities:

- Parents are asked not to contact students directly during class time. Students can be contacted by telephoning Newman SHS administration on 9175 8100.