



Marian College Ararat

Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale	<p>Marian College Ararat is committed to fostering a respectful, focused, and safe learning environment. While mobile phones are a common part of students' lives, their use during the school day can distract from learning, compromise privacy, and affect wellbeing. This policy is designed to uphold student dignity, safeguard learning time, and support responsible digital habits.</p>
Policy Statement	<p>Students are not permitted to use mobile phones during the school day unless prior approval has been granted for a specific educational or medical reason. The College encourages students to be present, engaged, and free from digital distraction while on campus. This policy applies from the first bell to the final bell, including recess and lunch times.</p>
Procedure	<p>Storage During the School Day</p> <p>Students can use their mobile phone/device appropriately before school and after school.</p> <p>Students must switch off their mobile phones prior to Homeroom and store them securely in their lockers.</p> <p>Phones may not be kept in bags or uniforms during school hours. The College is not responsible for lost or damaged phones.</p> <p>Approved Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A classroom teacher may request mobile phone use for a specific learning activity, however this is for a specific activity only and does not establish a need for the students to carry the mobile phone all day.• On some camps and excursions students will be permitted to carry their mobile phone and this will be outlined by the teacher in charge.• Phones may not be used as a substitute when iPads or laptops are uncharged.• Students are not permitted to hotspot their phone at school.• Recognising their age and maturity, Year 12 students may be granted conditional allowances to use their phones in the Common Room only during break times. Any abuse of this privilege will result in it being withdrawn.

	<p>Medical Exemptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents may request an exemption from the Principal if a student requires mobile phone access for medical monitoring or emergency communication related to health needs. For example: Diabetes management. Documentation of the need from a health professional will be required to support this exemption. <p>Consequences for Breach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a phone is seen or used during the school day without approval, it will be confiscated and stored at the front office until the end of the day. ● Repeated misuse will result in parent contact and further disciplinary measures in accordance with the College Behaviour and Wellbeing Policy. ● Students must not use mobile phones in spaces such as changing rooms, toilets, gym and swimming pools. ● Students must not take photos, film or stream any individual or group and their activities without their knowledge or permission and the consent of the college. ● Mobile phones should not be used to pay at the Canteen - students should seek alternate ways to complete their purchase ie: cash or card.
<p>Related Policies and Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures ● Bullying Prevention Policy ● eSafety Cyber Safety Family Resources ● Ministerial Order 1359 – Child Safe Standard ● Student Code of Conduct

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