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## Mount Lilydale Mercy College Mobile Phones and Other Devices - Acceptable Use Policy

### RATIONALE

The widespread ownership of mobile phones (and similar devices such as tablets and iPods) among students requires that school administrators, teachers, students, and parents take steps to ensure that such mobile devices are used responsibly at school. This Acceptable Use Policy is designed to ensure that potential issues involving mobile phones and other devices can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits that mobile phones and other devices provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be enjoyed by our students.

Mount Lilydale Mercy College accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. Parents may also be concerned 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 they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently.

### SCOPE

Mount Lilydale Mercy College has established this Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones that provides teachers, students and parents guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobiles during school hours.

The Acceptable Use Policy for mobile devices also applies to students during school excursions, camps and co-curricular activities.

### POLICY STATEMENT

This policy aims to spell out clearly the circumstances where student use of mobile phones is acceptable within the school setting as well as ensuring students and parents understand the responsibility that goes with the use of such a device.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Students and their parents or guardians should read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy before students are permitted to bring their mobile phones to school.

It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile devices to school to abide by the guidelines outlined in Mount Lilydale Mercy College Acceptable Use Policy.

The decision to provide a mobile phone to their child should be made by parents or guardians.

Parents should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone (or other mobile device) to school.

Using mobile devices to bully (also known as cyberbullying), harass or threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. In some cases it can constitute criminal behaviour.

