

**JESUS AND MARY
SECONDARY SCHOOL
GORTNOR ABBEY**

MOBILE PHONE POLICY



This Policy has been approved by the Board of Management at its meeting of

DATE _____

CHAIRPERSON *J Moran*

NEXT REVIEW DATE _____

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Introduction

Jesus and Mary Secondary School aims to create an orderly environment so that effective teaching and learning can take place. Live mobile phones may disturb this environment and violate the rights of other members of the school community. The school acknowledges the integration of mobile phones into the culture of adolescents and that they can be an effective communication device.

In this policy the school wishes to strike a balance between the positive and the negative by promoting the responsible use of mobile phones.

Scope

This policy applies to all students while on school grounds during the school day.

Relationship to Mission Statement

While the school accepts that it is a pupil's right to own a mobile phone it also has a responsibility to maintain a safe, nurturing environment where the personal dignity and rights of all members of the school community are safeguarded in accordance with its mission statement.

Rationale

The misuse of mobile phones/personal media players can have a disruptive effect on the teaching and learning environment. There are also privacy, health and safety issues associated with the misuse of mobile phones.

Policy

- Pupils who bring mobile phones/personal media players to school do so at their own risk and the school will not be responsible in any way for loss, theft or damage of these devices.
- If phones/personal media players are brought to school they must be switched off and out of sight between 8.00am and 3.45pm unless the teacher is using the mobile phone as part of a teaching strategy. In this

