

700 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING

711.1 Mobile Phones & Audio Equipment

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Student Possession and use of Mobile Phones and personal audio equipment.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College discourages students from bringing and using mobile phones and personal audio equipment at college. The College does not take any responsibility for the security of mobile phones or audio equipment.

- Should a parent wish to contact a student urgently, the General Office will deliver messages to students as required.
- Should a student wish to contact a parent urgently they can request use of an Assistant Principal or Coordinator telephone.

If a student brings a mobile phone/audio equipment to college it is their responsibility to abide by the following:

- **the telephone/audio equipment must be turned off in class time unless specifically allowed by the classroom teacher (e.g. for pod cast use.)**

Research has proven that what you hear while trying to concentrate can be distracting and impair your ability to memorize and recall information.

The consequence for a student using a mobile phone/audio equipment in class for **any other reason than that permitted by the teacher**, is that the phone/equipment will be confiscated and held in the school strong room until a parent or guardian collects it. A repeat offence will lead to suspension.

If a student refuses to hand their telephone or audio equipment to the teacher requesting it, **they will be suspended.**

It is against the law to photograph people without their permission in a college setting. Students who use their mobile phones to take photographs of people out of class and/or create disruption will be suspended.

Students who use mobile phones/text messaging for harassment purposes will be suspended and leave themselves open to prosecution by the police.