

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

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RESPECTFUL, ENGAGED AND ACTIVE LEARNERS

April 2021




**SCHOOL COMMENCES
TERM 2 (2021)
Tuesday 20 April 2021**

It is difficult to believe that after what feels like the school year just beginning, we are now suddenly in the last week of Term 1. It certainly has been another extremely busy start to the year and has marked the beginning of a new chapter for a number of our students.

Year 7 have made a settled start to high school life and undoubtedly will feel a sense of relief in making it through term 1 and now have the Easter break to get some rest before it all begins again in a few weeks' time. The Launch program which all Year 7 students participated in and included programs like Peer Support have played an integral role in transitioning students into the high school environment in a smooth and effective manner. I would like to commend all Year 7 students for the manner in which they have conducted themselves this term and for a mature approach to this new schooling chapter.

This term a huge focus for the school community has been to establish our Strategic Improvement Plan for the next four years and to set targets that we will work towards to ultimately improve the educational opportunities and practices for our students. This has been an enormous undertaking but we are very excited about our new strategic directions and appreciate and value all the input and collaboration from students, staff and the whole school community in setting these new directions for our wonderful school!

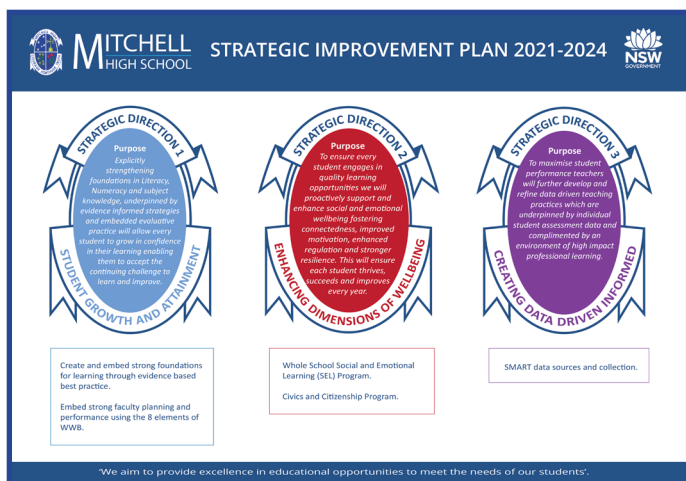
Please see below an overview of our Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

Important dates to remember

P & C and Parent Forum	Wednesday 19 May at 6.30pm
School Development Day	Monday 19 April
Students return to school	Tuesday 20 April
Years 9 & 10 Half Yearly Exams	Monday 3 May - Friday 7 May
Years 7, 11 & 12 Parent teacher interviews	Wednesday 12 May
NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9)	Tuesday 11 May - Thursday 20 May
MHS Athletics carnival	Friday 21 May
Years 7 & 8 Half Yearly Exams	Monday 31 May - Friday 11 June



**White
Ribbon
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The other administrative role which I have been undertaking with the staff of MHS is the school's Annual Report for 2020. This has been a great opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved as a school in relation to the Strategic Plan for 2019-2021. This report will also outline how we have performed as a school in a range of areas including our NAPLAN and HSC results. The Annual School Report will be completed and published to our website for the school community early next term.

I am also pleased to say that at this stage we will be able to recommence with Parent Teacher Evenings in Term Two again after an extended period where this was not possible due to Covid restrictions. It will be wonderful again for teachers to be able to sit with parents/carers and provide face to face detailed feedback on how your child is progressing in their classes.

School Uniform

Mitchell High School is a school that strongly believes in the wearing of correct school uniform. It is an expectation that students will adhere to the uniform policy and procedures. This term we have had more issues than usual with students wearing the incorrect school jumper. This is unacceptable and needs to be improved upon in Term Two. If you need assistance with the school uniform please contact the school.

Behaviour at Local Feeder Primary Schools

I would like to remind all students to be very mindful of their behaviour in the local community and particularly when picking younger siblings up at the local feeder Public Schools. It is imperative that students are engaging in appropriate behaviours and are aware that they are representing MHS when in the school community.

I would also like to acknowledge all of our staff that have volunteered to coach one of our sporting teams this term. We have had a lot of success in a range of knockout tournaments and this is a credit to the dedication of our

staff and of course plenty of effort from the talented athletes we have at our school.

Many of these events/programs are held outside of timetabled lessons and in addition to general teaching and administrative duties. They certainly would not happen without the dedication and teamwork of our teaching and SASS staff. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to another great term at our wonderful school in Term Two!

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you". (B.B King)

Colin Campbell
Deputy Principal

School Newsletter and Student Reports Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, we are looking for parent feedback in regards to the format and content of our school newsletter and student reports. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes and we appreciate your time and efforts in assisting us with future improvements.

You will be able to access the survey using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/KSkKAS1tYWri4JMo8>

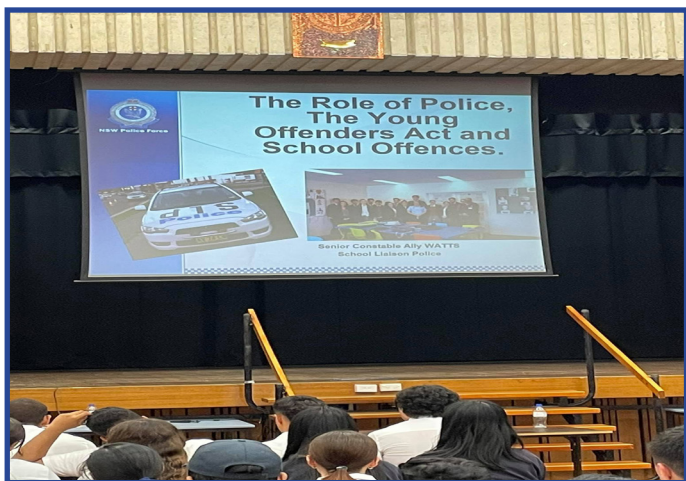
PDHPE

The PDHPE department started the year with a new faculty member. Miss Thrattthabeusy is a dynamic teacher who loves Dance and PE. She is currently replacing Ms Grisdale who is off on Maternity leave until Term 4 where she will return 2 days a week. We are very lucky to have Miss Thrattthabeusy in our team and would love for all to make her feel welcome.

Life Ready

Life Ready is a Department of Education mandatory 25 hour program for students in Years 11 and/or 12 in NSW public schools. At Mitchell High School, students completed the Life Ready course in the first week of school 2021. Its purpose is to prepare and support senior students as they encounter situations related to health and safety as they become more independent and gain more responsibilities. Life Ready focuses on offering opportunities for students to build the functional knowledge and skills for life after school.

Through external presenters from our wider community and planned lessons based on topics such as: Mental Health and Wellbeing, Sexuality and Sexual Health, Independence, Drug and Alcohol Education and Safe Travel. Students were able to take away life lessons, advice and inspiration to help lead healthy, safe and meaningful lives. Special thanks to our presenters, Tony Hoang, Brent Sanders, Tomorrow Man, Sydney Self Defence and the Butterfly Foundation for making our program that little bit extra special.



A reminder to all our students that the PE uniform is compulsory. This includes the PE shirt, shorts and joggers. We also strongly suggest that all students wear the school hat to ensure they are sun safe at all times.

Whilst students are able to attend school in their PE uniform if they have practical class period 1, it is a timely reminder that they must be prepared with their full school uniform to change into after class. If students continually state they have forgotten their school uniform and are not changing we will no longer be allowing students to come to school in PE uniform starting from term 2.



If your child has a medical condition that will prevent them from participating in practical lessons, please ensure you send them with a note clearly stating why they cannot participate. If this is an ongoing medical condition please supply the school with a medical certificate to ensure their grades are not affected.

Dance

Students have been really excited to get back into dance this year with lots of performance opportunities coming up that we missed out on last year. The Dance Ensemble has been practicing before school on Wednesdays and are ready to film for the Synergy Dance Festival this week.

The Hip-Hop Group led by Tamara and Rome have been working hard Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch to prepare for the Bring it On Hip-Hop Competition in August. These students will also be filming for Synergy Dance Festival this week, to practice their performance before BIO.

The Year 7 and 8 Ensemble being run during a Monday lunchtime session have worked hard to learn a commercial jazz choreography by Miss Thrattabeusy. Their confidence and energy has been infectious! We aim to showcase our work at Variety Night later this year.

Sport Report

Term 1 has been extremely busy for the PDHPE faculty. We have a total of 12 Knockout teams in lots of diverse categories including Boy/Girl teams in: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Touch Football, Baseball and Softball. Every single one of our Knockout teams were successful in making it through the first round and we are very proud of both our students and the teacher-coaches who have very selflessly dedicated their time toward coaching and organising games for our students. A special mention goes to our new Softball/ Baseball coach Miss Thrattabeusy who has been working hard with both teams and made the third round already.

Our students were also highly successful in the School Swimming Carnival. This year our school carnival included some new and updated races and students were engaged and well behaved during the carnival day with Kareela winning for the first time in years. We have had several records broken once again with Charlie-Rose and Riley being particularly successful this year. The Zone Swimming Carnival was highly successful with plenty of wins especially in the relay category and we have a staggering 15 participants in the Regional Swimming Carnival. The Regional carnival was unfortunately postponed due to weather but Term 2 looks exciting especially with some new sports we have entered this year.

Sports to look out for in Term 2 include:

- Fast5 Mixed Netball
- European Handball
- Table Tennis
- Opens Netball
- Soccer
- Various Volleyball tournaments
- All rugby codes, and,
- Baseball/ Softball

Notable dates to look out for in Term 2 include:

Athletics Carnival- Week 6 Friday

There are so many great sporting achievements happening at Mitchell High School. Jayden Beckwith represented both MHS and Sydney West in the NSWCHS Softball Championships at Lismore. Sydney West finished in 2nd place after a count back as 3 teams finished equal 1st. Congratulations Jayden!



from the PDHPE Faculty

Year 11 Art Express Excursion

Students enjoyed a day out at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. An introduction was provided by Louise Halpin -AGNSW education officer. Students looked at a number of exhibitions including the Art Express 2021 exhibition which features a selection of outstanding student artworks.

Our students have been studying artworks from the 2021 Art Express and was excited to see 'At Your Door'. They noticed details that they had missed and were amazed at the level of planning captured in a variety of Visual Arts diaries.

This excursion is a valuable source of inspiration for students as they looked at a range of approaches and expressive forms to guide them with the development of their Body of Work.

A personal tour was also provided by Mollie Rice an artist and educator. Students explored the art making and conceptual practice of a range of artists in the different gallery spaces.



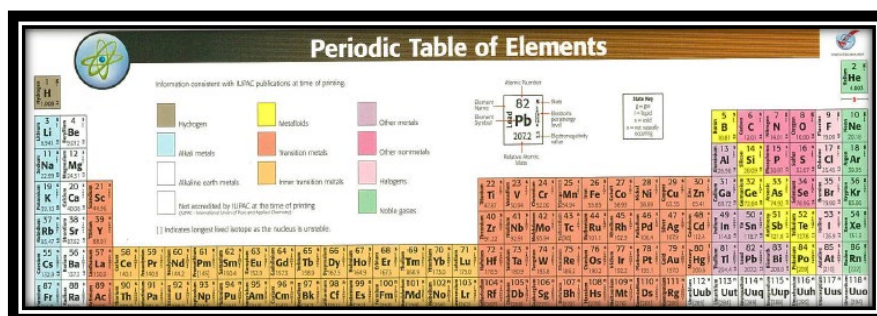
Best Year 8 Science Student Research Project 2021

Yr8 this year, as part of their assessment had to conduct a Scientific Investigation – called the ‘**SRP**’ – Student Research Project.

They had to choose a problem, design an experiment, perform an experiment and report on their findings. For example: ‘**Which paper aeroplane design will fly the furthest?**’ or ‘**which brand of paper towel absorbs the most amount of water**’ etc.

For the fifth time at MHS we are rewarding and recognising the ‘**Best Yr8 Science SRP**’ from each Science class. Students will receive a Certificate, 5 Vivo points, a McDonald’s voucher and a coloured Periodic Table of Elements.

Congratulations to the students named below for producing fantastic SRPs.



Class	Given name	Surname
M	Janessa	Jose
H	Pratyush	Sharma
S	Sofia	Piedrahita Ruiz
R	Rasesh	Natari
E	Mikayla	Greco
A	Meryl	Sudhakar
L	Benjamin	Mahmutovic
V	Jasmine	Staveley



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31 March 2021

Dear parents and guardians,

Considering the Department of Education's August 2020 Social Media Policy, please note that Mitchell High School's Library Instagram account is aligned to include higher parental awareness. Please note following:

- All comments against posts will be monitored between 9am – 3:30pm on weekdays.
- The Instagram is for professional use to highlight Library programs and resources, acknowledge student achievements and for the promotion of literature.
- Students who may be featured will not be identified by their full name.
- Students that do not have parental permission to be published on school platforms, will not be featured.
- The Teacher Librarian and Head Teacher Administration will be the administrators of the Instagram account.
- The account will not be used for general contact by parents or students.
- Parents and guardians can access the Australian Government's eSafety office (www.esafety.gov.au) to help them understand online privacy and make an informed decision to protect their child.

Parents and guardians will need to contact the school or Ms Bunt if you are concerned with the above policy or content displayed.

Ms Bunt
Teacher Librarian

Miss Scheerhoorn
Head Teacher Administration





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P&C MEETING

Wednesday 19 May 2021

6.30pm - MHS Common Room

All MHS parent/carer(s) welcomed



YEARS 7, 11 & 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 12 May 2021

3.30 - 7.30pm

Information will be provided closer to date

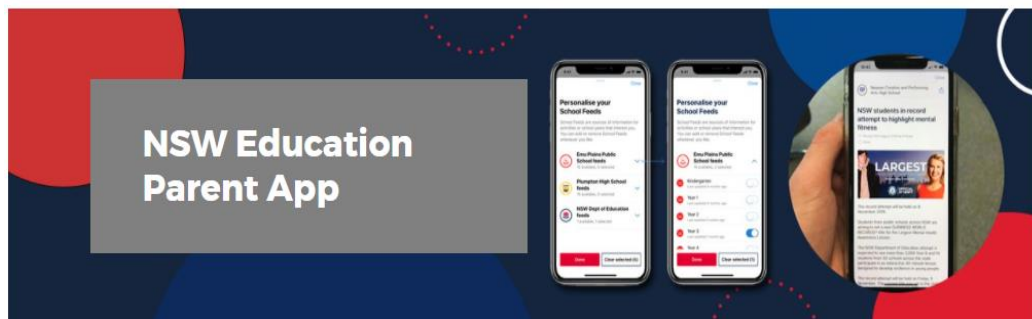




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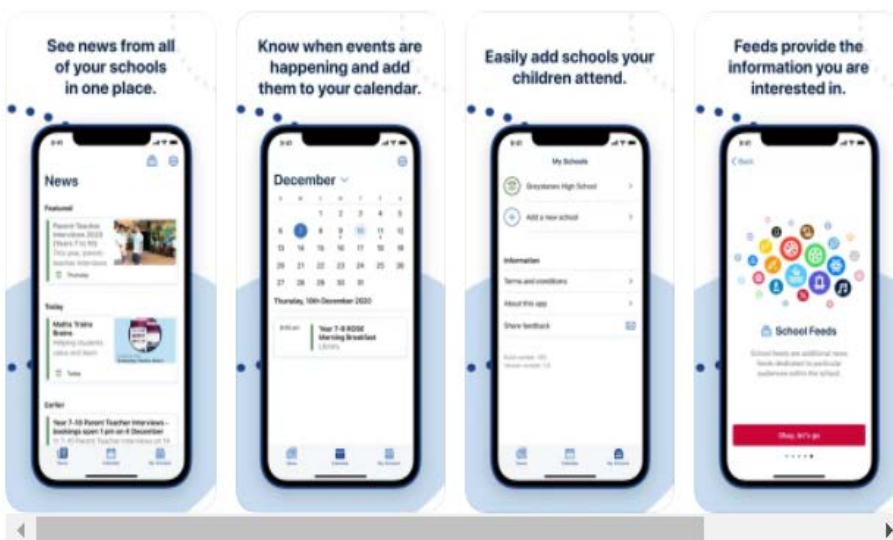


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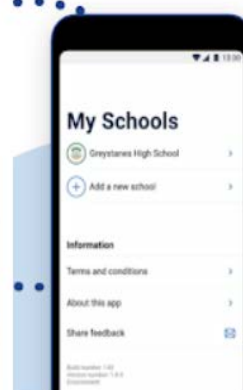
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HOMework CENTRE



Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
During School Terms

MHS Library

3.05 - 4.05pm

MHS STUDENTS ARE RESPECTFUL, ENGAGED & ACTIVE LEARNERS

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



School success starts with ATTENDANCE



MHS BELL TIMES

Respectful, Engaged & Active Learners

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	
8.00am	Period 0 (Year 12)	8.00am	Period 0 (Year 12)	8.00am	Period 0 (Year 12)
8.55am	Roll call	8.55am	Roll call	8.55am	Roll call
9.00am	Period 1	9.00am	Period 1	9.00am	Period 1
10.00am	Period 2	10.00am	Period 2	10.00am	Period 2
11.00am	Recess	11.00am	Recess	11.00am	Recess
11.30am	Assembly	11.30am	Period 3	11.30am	Period 3
11.45am	Period 3	12.30pm	Period 4	12.30pm	Period 4
12.45pm	Lunch	1.30pm	Lunch	1.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Period 4	2.00pm	Period 5	2.00pm	Period 5
2.15pm	Final bell	3.00pm	Final bell	3.00pm	Final bell
2.20pm	Staff Meetings				



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MHS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AND DRESS CODE SUMMARY OF SANCTIONS

'As a student of Mitchell High School I wear my uniform with care and pride to bring credit to myself and my school'
(Mitchell High School Code of Dress)

All students are expected to be aware of uniform requirements and to wear the correct uniform every day to follow the Code of Dress. Students not wearing the correct uniform or in breach of the School Code of Dress will be issued with an immediate **uniform note**. Uniform notes can be issued by any member of staff to a student, who has **not** brought a note from home, signed by an approved Head Teacher, explaining why they are temporarily not in school uniform. Details from the teacher's copy of the uniform note will be entered onto Millennium.

If a student does not have the correct uniform without a note or wear their uniform incorrectly, they will be given a detention by the classroom teacher in Period 1. Repeated offences may lead to a student being excluded from excursions, representing the school, in sport, academic and cultural activities, purchasing or wearing a Year 12 Jersey or attending the Year 12 School Formal.

YEARS 7 – 10

The receipt of three (3) uniform notes will result in a uniform breach letter being sent home.

The receipt of **six (6)** uniform notes will result in a warning letter from non-assessable school excursions, representing the school at sporting, academic and cultural events and attending recreational sport outside the school.

The receipt of **nine (9)** uniform notes will result in a ban from non-mandatory excursion(s), representing the school at sporting, academic and cultural events and attending recreational sport outside the school.

YEAR 11

The receipt of three (3) uniform notes will result in a uniform breach letter being sent home.

The receipt of **six (6)** uniform notes will:

- result in a warning letter from non-assessable school excursions, representing the school in sporting, academic and cultural events.
- result in a warning letter from purchasing or wearing a Year 12 Jersey.

The receipt of **nine (9)** uniform notes will result in a ban from purchasing a Year 12 Jersey and a ban from non-mandatory excursion(s)/representing the school in sporting, academic and cultural events.

YEAR 12

The receipt of three (3) uniform notes will result in a uniform breach letter being sent home.

The receipt of **six (6)** uniform notes will:

- result in a warning letter from non-assessable school excursion/representing the school in sporting, academic and cultural events.
- result in a warning letter against wearing the Year 12 jersey/jacket and/or attending the Year 12 School Formal.

The receipt of **nine (9)** uniform notes will:

- result in a ban from non-mandatory excursion(s)/representing the school in sporting, academic and cultural events.
- a ban from wearing a Year 12 jersey/jacket if it has been purchased.
- result in a ban from the Year 12 School Formal.

If a student's uniform improves substantially over ten weeks, the ban may be lifted. Further sanctions under the school's discipline procedures will be applied for on-going uniform misdemeanours. The school appeals process applies for any ban for the Year 12 jersey privilege and school formal.



MHS UNIFORM

School Uniform Rules

- Jewellery allowed includes a watch, studs, or sleepers and one (1) signet ring.
- Only navy blue and white hair accessories.
- All blouses and shirts are to be worn correctly including:
 - anything worn under the shirt or blouse must be tucked in and not showing
 - all shirts and blouses must be tucked in if wearing something over them e.g. a jumper
- Trousers are not to be rolled or tucked into socks or shoes.
- Skirts/shorts must not be rolled up and should be knee length.
- Jackets and sloppy joes are not to be tied around the waist.
- White t-shirts and long sleeve white skivvies may be worn under shirts on cold days.
- Hooded tops are not to be worn at school at any time.
- Cut off trousers and/or corduroy shorts, elastic waist shorts and trousers, shorts or trousers with logos are not school uniform.
- MHS School hats or any other hats are not to be worn inside any buildings or classroom (boys and girls).
- All collars must be turned down to show the Mitchell High School emblem.

What should I do if I am not in correct uniform?

Student needs to bring a note from home signed by their parent/carer. This note is to be signed by the Head Teacher in charge of their Period 1 class before class begins.

Upstairs A Block	HT Science
Downstairs A Block	HT TAS
Demountables near A Block	HT TAS
Upstairs/Downstairs C Block	HT CAPA
Upstairs D Block	HT Social Science
Downstairs D Block	HT PDHPE
Library	HT PDHPE
Demountables near the Library	HT PDHPE
Upstairs E Block	HT English
Downstairs E Block	HT Mathematics

You may be required to go to the Administration Office and ask the Administration Office Staff if that item may be loaned for one school day. Students should return the item back to the Administration Office clean and ironed. On return the students name will be marked off the book.

Students not in correct uniform will be penalised if they don't follow the above procedures. Teachers will issue a blue uniform note which students should show their parent/carer(s). Penalties for having offences may include: detentions and a ban from non-assessable excursions, may jeopardise their purchase of a Year 12 jersey and attendance at the Year 12 formal. Repeat offenders have sanctions applied for persistent disobedience.

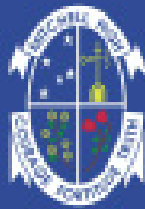
School Uniform Shop

Mitchell High School uniforms are sold by The School Locker. The uniform shop operates during the school terms.

Tuesday (excluding school and public holidays)	8.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday (excluding school and public holidays)	12.00pm – 4.00pm

Click on the below link to view the DoE Policies

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy> <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/a-z>
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MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM REGULATIONS



MHS SENIOR UNIFORM



MHS JUNIOR UNIFORM

MHS SHOE REGULATIONS

BOYS



GIRLS



SPORTS



ACCEPTABLE SHOES:

- Black leather with leather tongue
- Laced
- Leather upper providing protection to upper foot
- Non-slip sole

ACCEPTABLE SPORT SHOES:

- Laced up/velcro (no slip ons)
- Covers all of the top of the foot
- Provides arch and ankle support
- Flexible and sole protection

ACCESSORIES





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MHS MOBILE PHONE REGULATIONS

It is strongly recommended that students at Mitchell High School do not bring mobile phones to school. The school is unable to ensure that such items are secure and we cannot be held responsible for their loss or damage. If a parent decides that their son/daughter needs a mobile phone for safety purposes it is permitted at school under the following conditions.

RULES:

- ☐ The mobile phone is switched off at all times during lessons or while participating in school excursions or activities where mobile phones could distract students from the learning experiences provided.
- ☐ During Physical Education (PDHPE) the mobile phone must be put into the teachers backpack provided for this purpose.
- ☐ The mobile phone is to be kept in the student's bag at all times.
- ☐ There may be times when, with the permission of the teacher, students may be allowed to use their mobile phone for educational purposes. Students **must** follow the directions of their class teacher and turn their mobile phone off at the end of the lesson as per the mobile phone regulations.
- ☐ If the phone is used during breaks, students must be respectful of others around them and be aware of privacy and safety issues related to the use of mobile phones.
- ☐ During periods of examinations all students must hand their mobile phones in if they are not left in their school bag.

CONSEQUENCES IF RULES ARE NOT OBSERVED:

- ☐ Any teacher is entitled to confiscate a mobile phone from any student who is not observing the rules. The teacher may at their own discretion on the first occasion return the mobile phone at the end of the lesson.
- ☐ On the next occasion the teacher will place the mobile phone into a labelled envelope for secure storage in the school safe.
- ☐ Mobile phones placed in the school safe will only be returned to students who bring a letter from home signed by a parent/carer, indicating that inappropriate use is being discouraged. This will occur at the end of the day from the Deputy Principals' offices.
- ☐ On the second occasion, the mobile phone will be held in the school safe until a parent/carer can collect it.
- ☐ Students who persistently misuse mobile phones will incur normal discipline procedures and parent/carer(s) may be contacted.

PLEASE NOTE:

Students do not need their mobile phone switched on to receive urgent messages or calls. Messages can be taken at the Administration Office on 9622 9944 / 9622 8926 and will be delivered promptly to students.



'We aim to provide excellence in educational opportunities to meet the needs of our students'.

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