



**Coolmine Community School**  
**Mobile Phone Policy**

While Coolmine Community School accepts that it is a student's right to have a mobile phone for his/her personal use, mobile phones must not be visible or used on school premises. In order to assist the school in implementing this policy, parents/ guardians are asked not to arrange to contact students by mobile phone at any time during the school day. If necessary, contact may be made through the front office at 01-8214141.

- *If a student brings a mobile to school, the phone must be switched off during the school day and may not be used for any purpose on the school premises and grounds.*
- *Students found in contravention of this rule will have their mobile phone and sim card confiscated for three school days. The parent/guardian must collect the phone after this time. On the second and every subsequent occasion the phone and sim card will be confiscated for one week.*
- *When a student's phone is confiscated, the onus is on the student to inform his/her parent. The student may contact their parent or guardian, from the front office, at the end of the school day.*
- *Students participating in school related activities must abide by the school rules governing the use of mobile phones.*
- *Refusing to hand over a phone to a staff member is direct defiance and may result in suspension.*
- *It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person. (See Anti- Bullying Policy)*
- *The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones.*
- ***"In certain situations a teacher may ask students to use their phone or other smart device for an educational activity. In this case students must only use these items exactly as instructed. They must be switched off when the activity has finished. If instructions are not followed the smart device may be confiscated as per the school's mobile phone policy."***