WHSPA Mobile Phone and I-Pod Policy

Section 1: Context

1a The school has a responsibility to ensure that the teaching and learning environment for staff and students is free from avoidable disruption.

1b WHSPA has a policy of establishing and maintaining a mobile phone users register.

Section 2: The possession of mobile phones and i-pods

2a The school does not encourage the carrying and use of mobile phones or i-pods by students.

2b The school does recognize that parents may require students to carry mobile phones for personal reasons.

2c The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones and i-pods that are misused, stolen or damaged.

2d To be in possession of a mobile phone the student must have registered it with the front office and been issued with an identification card. The card contains a photo of the student and the mobile's telephone number.

2e Mobile phones must not contain downloaded material of an obscene or pornographic nature. Where this is found to be the case, the phone will be confiscated and the issue dealt with under the school’s Discipline and Welfare Policies.

2f The use of mobile phones to photograph or video students or staff without their permission is strictly forbidden. Mobile phones used for these purposes will be confiscated.

Section 3: Mobile phones and i-pods must not disrupt the learning environment.

3a Mobile phones must be turned off and not accessed during class time.

3b Parents are requested not to contact students during class time. Urgent messages can be relayed through the school administration office.

3c Students are not to use i-pods in classroom settings or the library unless given permission by the teacher. Instructions as to the use of the devices is to be strictly adhered to.

Section 4: The school reserves the right to take action when mobile phones and i-pods are used in contravention to section 3a.

4a The classroom teacher has the authority to confiscate the phone or the i-pod and to deliver it to the Principal or a Deputy Principal as soon as possible.
4b  The student is to be advised that the confiscated phone or i-pod may be collected at a suitable time, generally at the end of the school day, when, in the case of phones, a mobile phone card is produced.

4c  Parents will be requested to collect the student’s phone if the use of said phone or i-pod persistently disrupts the learning environment.

Signature of Principal:  ……………………………………    Date:  …………………