



## PINELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

### CELLPHONE POLICY

The cell phone has no educational value at school and, as such, it is not permitted for learners to bring such items to school during the school day. Possession of a cell phone (or other electronic devices such as MP3 players, other music players and cameras) at school during the school day is prohibited and any cell phone found on a learner will be confiscated, with the SIM card, for an initial period of ten school days. Repetition of this offence will be dealt with according to the School Code of Conduct (see Code of Conduct).

The reasons for this policy are as follows:

- There is no educational reason why a cell phone must be on a learner's person at school.
- The use of the camera facility on cell phones is open to abuse.
- It is easy to conceal a cell phone, increasing the risk of theft.

If a learner needs to bring a cell phone to school for a specific reason, written permission from that learner's parent/guardian must accompany the learner each time the cell phone is brought to school. The cell phone must be locked in the cell phone lockers that are provided by the school at the start of the school day and may be removed at the end of the school day.

Learners may, in an emergency, make use of the school phones to contact their parents / guardians.

While it is appreciated that this policy may cause inconvenience for learners and their parents/guardians it must be understood that it has been drawn up with the best interests of the learners at heart, with consideration for their education, their personal safety and the safety of their possessions.