

Principal's Report from Mr. Coffey

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the staff and students of Rainbow P-12 College we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. The last day of school this year for all students from Prep to Year 9 is Friday 20th of December and students will be dismissed at 1:30pm. Staff will commence the 2020 school year on Tuesday 28th of January and **ALL** students will start on Wednesday 29th of January.

Mobile Phone Policy

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phone Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at school during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, from the start of term 1 2020.

Our school has developed our Student Mobile Phone Policy in order that we comply with the new directive and minimise the disruption to teaching and learning. A copy of the policy is attached to this newsletter and it will be available on the website and school's Facebook page.

Tidying Up Loose Ends

As a school we strive to keep the expenses for Parent Payments for our families to a minimum.

Each year the Parents & Friends group, through their volunteer work, generate additional funds to improve the opportunities for **ALL** of the students at our school. Unfortunately each year we have approximately the same amount outstanding as unpaid fees for Essential Learning items by a small number of our families and these costs are paid to our creditors from school funds.

If you have not paid your fees for this year, we are seeking your cooperation to contact Michelle in the office to arrange payment of those fees or to negotiate a suitable payment plan.

Upcoming Meetings

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday 10th of February at 7:30pm.

BYOD Computers

If you wish to pick up your computer that you have ordered please do so before Wednesday 18th December.

Presentation Night Tuesday 17th December

Please see next page for details of the Presentation night.

Calendar 2019 – Term 4

DECEMBER

Week 11

Mon 16th Parents & Friends meeting @10am
Yr 12 Graduation dinner
Hopetoun Lake trip

Tue 17th Presentation night

Wed 18th Whole school lunch

Fri 20th School finishes @ 1.30pm

Canteen

Just a friendly reminder that the canteen will **NOT** be operating next week. Students are reminded to bring their lunches from home

Yr 12 Dinner - Help Wanted

The Parents & friends are catering for the Year 12 dinner on Monday 16th December.

Workers are required in the afternoon to prepare the meal and at night time to cook and serve the meal. Waiters and waitresses are also required. If you are able to assist can you please phone the College on 53951063

Whole School Christmas Lunch

We will continue our tradition of a whole school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. For this day, it would be great if everyone could dress up in a Christmas costume. The fancier and more creative, the better. So students have between now and the 18th to come up with a fantastic Christmas lunch costume.



RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE

Concert/Presentation Night

Tuesday 17th December, 2019

in the School Assembly Hall

**6.00pm The Lions Club will be cooking a
BBQ. Gold coin donation.**

**6.30pm The Concert/Presentation night will
Start promptly at 6.30pm**

The night will commence with a variety concert,
followed by the presentation of awards to
students from P-12.

All welcome

All students are to attend school on Tuesday 17th December for
rehearsal. Casual clothing can be worn to keep your school uniform
clean for the night. Years 10, 11 and 12 will be dismissed after the
rehearsal.

Please contact the school on 53951063 if you require any further
information.

A week in the life of Rainbow P-12 College

The Silo Trail & museum visit



Some of our lads!



Taking in the view



Brim silos



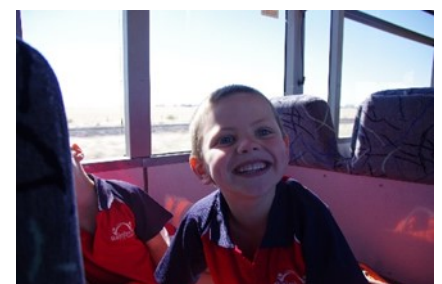
More lads!



Tyler in action



Zander & Parker looking cool!



Koby on the bus



Pippa in climbing mode

Brim Lakes

Nekeisha & Lane





The crew with a breathtaking backdrop



Evan & Amaya checking things out



Jasper and the large array of tools



Big thumbs up from Bax



Lenny loving the tractors!



Haylee & Amaya admiring the dresses

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Rainbow P-12 College's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and other personal mobile devices during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All students at Rainbow P-12 College and,
- Students' personal mobile phones [and other personal mobile devices] brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A **mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone."

POLICY

Rainbow P-12 College understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Rainbow P-12 College:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them **switched off** and securely stored during school hours
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers **MUST** reach their child by calling the school's office only.
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see below for further information)

Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Rainbow P-12 College during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at Rainbow P-12 College are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Rainbow P-12 College does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Refer to the Rainbow P-12 College's Personal Property Policy AND/OR the Department's [Personal Goods policy.](#)

At Rainbow P-12 College inappropriate use of mobile phones is **any use during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted, and particularly use of a mobile phone:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, changing rooms, swimming pools and gyms
- during exams and assessments

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Rainbow P-12 College will provide secure storage via the **Yondr Program**. This employs a simple, lockable pouch that stores the phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school each morning. They will maintain possession of their phones, and will not use them until they are unlocked at the end of the school day. Students are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Procedure

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at Rainbow P-12 College will be dealt with using the following process:

Step One

Where a student has not secured their mobile phone in their assigned Yondr pouch any staff member can instruct the student to secure the device immediately.

Step Two

Where the student refuses to follow the staff member's instructions immediately a principal class officer will be notified by the staff member of the student's failure to follow a reasonable instruction. The principal class officer will instruct the student to secure their mobile phone in their assigned Yondr pouch. If the student refuses to follow this instruction the Parent/Guardian will be informed and the next refusal will be suspension.

Step Three

Where a student repeats failing to secure their mobile phone in their assigned pouch for a second time, the Parent/Guardian will be informed and the student will receive a suspension for not following College rules and procedures.

These offences will carry over the course of a calendar year.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the policy:

may be applied during school hours if certain conditions are met, specifically,

Health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and
Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite.

can be granted by the principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#).

The three categories of exceptions allowed under the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) are:

1. Learning-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
For specific learning activities (class-based exception)	Unit of work, learning sequence
For students for whom a reasonable adjustment to a learning program is needed because of a disability or learning difficulty	Individual Learning Plan, Individual Education Plan

2. Health and wellbeing-related exceptions

Specific exception	Documentation
Students with a health condition	Student Health Support Plan
Students who are Young Carers	A localised student record

3. Exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite

Specific exception	Documentation
Travelling to and from specific excursions	Risk assessment planning documentation
Students on excursions and camps	Risk assessment planning documentation
When students are offsite (not on school grounds) and unsupervised with parental permission	Risk assessment planning documentation
Students with a dual enrolment or who need to undertake intercampus travel	Risk assessment planning documentation

Where an exception is granted, **the student can only use the mobile phone for the purpose for which it was granted.**





Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

Rainbow P-12 will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-school-hours events

- Travelling to and from school

- Students undertaking workplace learning activities, e.g. work experience

- Students who are undertaking VET

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

[Rainbow P-12 College Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy](#)

[Mobile Phones – Department Policy](#)

[Personal Goods – Department policy](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was ratified by Rainbow P-12 College School Council on Monday the 9th of December 2019 and will commence operation in January 2020 and is scheduled for review in June 2020