

LEARNERS CELL PHONE POLICY

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Review members:

- Ms L van Vuuren – Academic director
- Ms K Panayotakis – Director of Amberfield College

1. POLICY RATIONALE

This policy regulates the use of cell phones and other electronic signalling devices during school hours in order to ensure uninterrupted instruction, safety, and reduction of theft

2. DEFINITIONS

- “electronic signalling devices” refers to and includes, but is not limited to, hands-free phone apparatus, tablets, 2-way (walkie-talkie) radios, hand-held radios, computer-phone texting, portable signalling devices and other similar electronic devices
- “misuse” includes but is not restricted to inappropriate language, harassment, bullying, threats and use of a device during school hours leading to an interrupted instruction

3. POLICY STATEMENT

- Learners may bring personal cell phones or electronic signalling devices to work, however, these devices may not be in view or turned on at any time during school hours
- Devices may be used on the school property before the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day
- Any cell phones used or seen by any member of staff will be confiscated and returned to the learner on the last day of the school term
- No cell phone may be used as a recording device on the school premises
- Cell phones or electronic signalling devices may not be used to take photographs or videos on the school premises

4. AMENDMENTS TO POLICY

The school reserves its right to deviate from this policy if it deems it necessary or appropriate and to amend this policy from time to time in accordance with any changed policy considerations of the school or legal developments