

### MP3 Music players

**Proponent:** Vice Principal (pastoral)

**Review date:** Sept 2008

**Title:** Acceptable use of MP3 music players in school during the school day, 8.30 ó 16.30. The Head of Boarding will issue separate instructions for boarders during boarding time.

**Aim:** To ensure the sensible use of MP3 music players, and ensure they do not impede learning, remain safe, and comply with school uniform issues around the school.

Pupils may use MP3 players at breaktime and lunchtime although, being expensive òluxuryö items, it is suggested that pupils and parents think carefully whether the risk of loss/breakage is justified.

It is further suggested that boardersø MP3s might be safer locked in their boarding houses through the school day.

The item must be clearly named to identify to whom it is owned (perhaps scratched in, underneath the battery).

Pupils will not use MP3 players while moving between lessons; neither will they use them in class unless specifically authorised (for example to aid concentration while drawing in Art).

MP3 headphones will not be visible during lessons, or be worn loose around the neck. MP3s must be securely stowed away, switched off in the same way as a day pupilø mobile phone.

It is vital that MP3 players are locked away in lockers, or given to a member of staff during lessons when they are required to change (e.g. P.E.). It is not sufficient to hide the MP3 at the bottom of a sports bag. The school cannot take responsibility for loss/damage to MP3 players unless all conditions are fulfilled.

If any conditions are infringed, the MP3 will be confiscated and handed to the Vice Principal (pastoral).