



S H E N T O N
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MOBILE/PERSONAL DEVICE GUIDELINES

PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL DEVICES

Used effectively, mobile phones and other personal devices can be powerful tools for learning. Used ineffectively they can be a distracting, disruptive and destructive force in a learning environment. With this in mind students are not permitted to use mobile phones, iPods or other personal devices in the classroom, unless directly instructed by their teacher to do so.

OFF AND AWAY ALL DAY

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purpose. We expect devices to be switched off and either placed in student bags or stored securely in student lockers. If a student uses a device without permission, then the teacher may confiscate the item from the student. Students who have their mobile devices confiscated three times may need a parent to collect the phone from the appropriate Head of School. Technology infringements will be visible on Compass so that patterns of ineffective use can be monitored by student support staff, school leadership and parents. Exemptions to this ban apply for any student who requires a mobile phone to monitor a health condition - these exemptions will be outlined in the student's relevant individual support plan (i.e. Health Support Plan, Risk Management Plan, or Individual Educational Support Plan).

It is important to note that it is not a College requirement for students to have personal mobile phones at school, they can always access an admin area to contact home if required. If parents choose to send their child to school with mobile devices, then we appreciate their support in reinforcing the expectations about their use in the College. The College cannot accept responsibility for theft, loss or damage of these items and as such parents and students should ensure that mobile devices are adequately insured as personal property.

If students choose to bring personal mobile phones/devices to school they should understand that:

- Student personal devices are not to be seen or heard from the time students arrive at school, to the conclusion of the school day.
- Devices can only be used during classes, assemblies or other learning activities for learning purposes under the direct instruction of a teacher.

- Devices should be turned off and be kept in student bags or stored securely in student lockers. Smart watches may be worn but must be on 'aeroplane mode'.
- Students must respect the privacy of others by not taking photographs/video without prior consent.
- A failure to follow these expectations will result in confiscation of devices by a staff member, and further consequences for repeated ineffective use including detentions, loss of Good Standing and possible suspension.

Please note: For the purposes of this policy, 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

I acknowledge and understand the requirements outlined in the guidelines above:

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/STUDENT (OVER 18): _____

DATE: _____

Request for alternate arrangement/medical exemption

Office use only:

Processed on: / / by (initials):