



Mobile Phone and Wearable Technologies Expectations

USE OF MOBILE PHONES/SMART DEVICES (WATCHES) /EAR PHONES

- Includes all phones/smart watches/music devices/accessories/ear pods

The smart phone/watch (device) is an effective and quick means of communication. Where unforeseen events occur, smart devices provide students and their families with a ready means of communication. Smart devices can also be tools for teaching and learning purposes. There is a need, however, to set clear guidelines and limit their use during the school day, in particular, to avoid unnecessary interference or distraction from teaching and learning, and to discourage anti-social behaviour especially at break times. Ultimately, we aim to encourage young people to be responsible users of technology.

- **All mobile phones and ear phones should be OFF AND AWAY between the first bell and last bell of each school day**, this includes during break times and while participating in College commitments (afterschool sport, rehearsals/performances etc) and while attending offsite College activities (excursions, camps etc).
- Phones brought to school should be stored securely in Secondary student lockers or in the phone storage facilities provided in Primary classrooms.
- In Secondary, smart watches may be worn but must be in flight mode. If this is not the case and the watch is being used as a substitute for the phone, consequences will apply.
- In Primary, smart watches will be stored in classrooms as is the case with mobile phones during the school day.
- Devices may not be used for transactions at the College Canteen. Payments can be made using cash or card.
- If parents need to contact children during the school day, please contact the College Office and the message will be passed on to student. Students are able to check messages at the end of the day.
- If students need to make contact with family, employers, coaches and so forth then they should present to the office or to a teacher where they will be permitted under supervision, to make that communication on their device or by using a school phone.
- **Ear pods are not permitted between first bell and last bell.** There may be occasions when corded earphones may be permitted in class for a particular purpose.
- Connecting wirelessly to devices like Bluetooth speakers, data projectors etc. without staff permission is strictly not permitted.
- Students must not access any form of social media during school time, on personal devices or on College devices.
- Students are not permitted to create, appear in or post any media content that includes the College logo, members of staff or students in College uniform on any social media platform.
- Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the smart phone/watch/headphones being passed in by the student to the office whereby the device will be kept secure and in a labelled envelope. The device may be collected from the Office by students at 3pm.
- The breach of expectations will be recorded on Josie with parents receiving a notification.
- For repeat instances, where students continue to ignore the mobile phone/watch/headphones expectations, parents will be alerted and consulted. If required, the student may be asked to log the phone/watch/headphones in to the Office for the day or for an extended period of time as agreed with parents.