
Mobile Phone Policy



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INTRODUCTION

St Joseph's Nudgee College has established the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones that provides teachers, students, and parents with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

It is the responsibility of students, parents and guardians to read and understand this policy regarding mobile phones. So all students are made aware of the policy, it will also be published on the College website

COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITY

The College accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged mobile phones at school, or while a student is travelling to and from school.

- Any student who brings a phone to school has total responsibility for looking after the phone.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency the College Office, Student Office, and Junior School Office can be contacted.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

YEARS 5-12

- Mobile phones **must** not be disruptive to learning.
- Mobile phones are not to be used and **must** be out of sight throughout the entire school day (8:20am-2:55pm)
- Teachers may collect students' mobile phones at the beginning of class and hand them back at the end of class.
- Laptops are the device for class. Mobiles are NOT to be used as a device for classes.
- Headphones (Including ear buds and/or airpods) are not to be used - unless this is part of a curriculum based activity.
- Unless express permission is granted by a member of the College staff , mobile phones must not be used to make or receive calls or send SMS messages during the school day.



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- If Students have permission to leave the classroom for any reason, they will be required to leave their phone on the teachers desk.
 - Students are permitted to use such features as Apple Pay for purchasing items at the Tuckshop or Locker Room.
 - ***NB: Exemptions may be granted to students with personalised learning or medical needs which are detailed and reviewed in their school support plans (i.e., Personalised Learning Plan). Exemptions may include noise reducing/cancelling devices. A register of approved exemptions is maintained at the Student Office.***

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

In the event of an emergency, it is requested that parents contact the Br Larkin Student Office or Junior School Office, so that the appropriate message can be articulated. If parents need to make contact with their son(s) during the school day, the College requests that you use his school email.

- Brother Larkin Student Office - 3865 0336 or students@nudgee.qld.edu.au
- Junior School Office - 3865 0527

COLLEGE RESPONSE

Should there be disruptions to lessons caused by a mobile phone, the responsible student will face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the House Dean, Directors of Students (Years 7-9 and 10-12), Director of Junior School (Years 5-6) or the Dean of Students.

1st Offence

- The student's phone is confiscated and delivered to the Student Office (Larkin and Junior School).
- Students will be permitted to collect their phone at the conclusion of the school day.

2nd Offence



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- The student's phone is confiscated and delivered to the Student Office (Larkin and Junior School).
 - Students will be additionally issued with a 45 minute detention.
 - Students will be permitted to collect their phone at the conclusion of the school day.

3rd Offence

- The student's phone is confiscated and delivered to the Student Office (Larkin and Junior School).
- Students will be additionally issued with a 90 minute detention.
- Parents/ carers and HoBH will receive an email advising them that they will be required to collect the mobile phone (in person) from the student office.

SPECIAL NOTES

- **Photographs, videos or voice recordings should not be taken of any other person at any time.**
If this occurs, the College may apply strong sanctions, particularly if media is posted online or shared (Link to College Social Media Policy).
- Mobile phones are not to be used in changing rooms, toilets, bathrooms, or in any situation that may cause embarrassment or discomfort to other persons, their fellow students, staff or visitors to the College.
- The use of mobile phones in a whole school emergency or evacuation is forbidden for safety reasons.
- Using mobile phones to bully and threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
 - In some cases it may constitute criminal behaviour (Refer to Bullying and Harassment Policy).



Policy Review

Reviewed by the Dean of Students (February 2026). Ratified by the College Leadership Team.

Next review scheduled for January 2027.