

SMART Device Policy



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College Values

- The dignity of each person
- Equality of opportunity
- Great trust in God

Policy Statement

Smart Devices (mobile phones, SMART watches and similar devices) are not to be used during the school days (8.27am – 3.00pm) and other specified school activities.

This policy also applies to students during all school related activities.

This policy:

- Proactively manages the use of SMART devices during the school day.
- Ensures that SMART device usage does not have deleterious effects on any aspect of a student's school life.
- Clarifies the responsibilities of students & staff.
- Promotes acceptable SMART device usage.
- Contributes positively to the health & safety of the College community.

Rationale

Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. This policy ensures that SMART device use during school hours is managed in a consistent way and therefore ensures that students, parents/carers and teachers all understand the rules of the College regarding the use of SMART devices during school hours, in particular, learning time.

Definitions

SMART device: a SMART device (also known as a wireless phone, cell phone or cellular telephone) is an electronic device, generally connected to other devices or networks via different protocols such as Bluetooth, NFC, WiFi, 3G, etc., that can operate to some extent interactively and autonomously.

This device can also appear as a watch or Fitbit and can be worn in the same way. It can make and receive calls, text, other messages, take photos and videos and give directions, as well as having many other capabilities, while moving within the phone service area or connected to Wi-Fi. SMART devices are also known as SMART phones or SMART Devices and are used to communicate in a wide variety of ways.

Rules and Regulations

The College accepts no responsibility for the security of SMART devices.

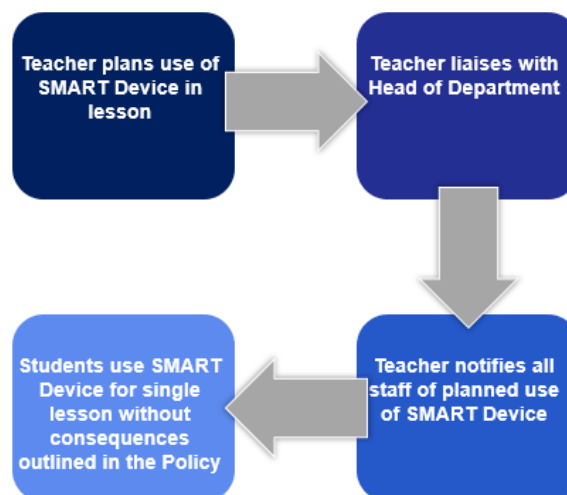
The SMART device must be turned off and secured in the student's locked locker when the first bell for morning House Group is rung. The SMART device should not be used again throughout the day until after school finishes unless teacher permission is granted for usage in the relevant class only. Safe keeping of SMART devices is the responsibility of the owner.

The use of the SMART device, within the scope of this policy, is during the normal hours of the school day – from 8.27am to 3.00pm. Please note that this policy includes No SMART devices in the Library from 7.00am to 4.30pm. Misuse outside these hours, but while on school premises will fall within the scope of the Student Behaviour Support Plan of the College. Misuse outside these hours, involving members of the staff or student body will fall within the scope of the Student Behaviour Support Plan and may contravene the Law.

If a student uses a SMART device in class or in the school grounds without permission carries disciplinary actions according to this policy as outlined below.

Procedures

School Rule: SMART devices (including SMART watches), if brought to school, are to be kept in the lockers between the hours of 8.27 am and 3.00pm or left at home. They are to be turned off during these hours – unless in exceptional circumstances when required during a class approved time. In such instances, the teacher will liaise with the Head of Department and notify all staff members of the use of the SMART Device by students in that lesson.



If a student is in breach of the school rule the following consequences will apply:

