



SJC Mobile Phone Policy

Missional Values	<p>St Johns College is a community that promotes the values of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Respect- for self others and community● Encourage-pride in ourselves, in others and in our community● Belonging-to the SJC community
Rationale	<p>The purpose of this Policy is to outline the acceptable use of mobile phones and smart devices at school for students in Years 7-12. The teacher's responsibility in any Year 7-12 learning space is to implement the Policy with consistency.</p> <p>The Policy aims to promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● clear, consistent expectations relating to use of mobile phones at school; calm, productive learning spaces;● safe and positive playground environments to foster positive relationships between all community members;● readiness for a world beyond school where ubiquitous use of mobile phones is balanced by formal and informal guidelines around their appropriate use for varied contexts;● a governance philosophy that values an optimal learning and wellbeing focus for all students.
Policy Statement	<p><i>St Johns College is not liable for any loss, damage or theft of a mobile phone, smart phone, smart device or other personal property a student should choose to bring to school.</i></p> <p>At SJC, College Executive and staff acknowledge that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The use of mobile phones is a reality of everyday life in the modern world.● Students may find it necessary to bring their mobile phones with them to school, however, we actively discourage them from doing so where possible.● Some students may require access to their mobile phones for medical reasons.● We are legally responsible for supervision of students at school, including their online activities, and must provide "safe and suitable premises, provision of policies to protect students from bullying."● Parents may need to communicate with their child/children during school hours for a range of unforeseen reasons. Parents that need to contact their child are asked to do this via the College Office.● Routine arrangements relating to pick up and after-school activities should be made and communicated in advance of the school day wherever possible; changes to these arrangements may be advised by contacting the College Office.

Expectations for students in Years 7-10

If you choose to bring a mobile phone to school:

- it should not be carried on your person
- upon arrival at school, mobile phones must be turned off and secured in a student's locker
- students MUST not bring their mobile phone with them into a classroom
- Students are NOT permitted to use their mobile phone at the canteen to make purchases
- SMART watches can not be used as a phone device during class time
- Students are permitted to have Bluetooth headphones for school related use only. Headphones are not permitted to be connected to mobile devices or used during recess and lunchtimes
- Students may use their phones in the phone zone (area out the front of Student Services) at recess or lunch after they have sought permission from a their Year Leader or the Leader of Wellbeing. This will be to make important calls.

Students in Years 11-12:

- May use mobile phones within the senior common room at recess or lunch time.
- Can access their mobile devices for learning purposes during lessons under teacher direction, this includes use in the senior study.

College Staff:

- May use their phones within learning spaces to mark rolls and access Compass for communication purposes
- May use their phones to contact Student Services for first aid or communication purposes

EXEMPTION from Policy

Completion of a medical exemption form is the only avenue for modification of the expectations above. Exemptions will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in discussion with the student, their parents and Leader of Wellbeing.

Breach of Mobile Phone Policy:

1. **First breach:** students are directed to carry their phone with them to Student Services where their phone will be secured for the remainder of the day. The Policy breach will be recorded via Compass and letter sent via email.
2. **Second breach:** will result in parental contact. A Year Leader detention will be issued. The Policy breach will be recorded via Compass and letter sent via email.
3. **Third breach:** will result in the student's phone being secured in the College safe until a parent or caregiver collects the phone. The student's phone must then be checked in at Student Services at the commencement of each school day for a period of FOUR school weeks.
4. Following multiple breaches parents will be asked to ensure students' phones are kept at home or will be handed into student services. Students may also be required to complete community service or alternative consequences will be implemented.

	5. A failure to hand in a mobile phone when instructed will result in contact home by the Year Leader and the student's phone must then be checked in at Student Services at the commencement of each school day for a period of TWO school weeks.
Definitions	<p>Mobile Phones: cellular phone without a physical connection to a network</p> <p>Smart Phone/Devices: a mobile phone or device (might include watch, tablet etc) that performs many of the functions of a computer, typically having a touchscreen interface, internet access, and an operating system capable of running downloaded apps.</p>
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Appendix	Other policies related to SJC Mobile Phone Policy: Student Acceptable Use of Technology Policy & Agreement